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THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL.

NOW IT CAME TO PASS after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, that David abode two days in Ziklag. And it came to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head; and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the ground, and bowed himself. And David said unto him, 'From whence comest thou?' And he said unto him, 'Out 'of the camp of Israel am I escaped.' And David said unto him, 'How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me.' And he answered, that the people were fled from the battle, and many of the people also were fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son were dead also. And David said unto the young man that told him, 'How knowest thou that Saul 'and Jonathan his son are dead?' And the young man that told him said, 'As I happened by chance to be upon mount 'Gilboa, behold, Saul was leaning upon his spear; and, lo, 'the chariots, and the chiefs the horsemen were close upon 'him. And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and 'called unto me. And I answered, Here I am. And he 'said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am 'an Amalekite. And he said unto me, Stand, I pray thee, 'upon me, and slay me; for ~~anguish~~ the cramp is come upon me, be-'cause my life is yet whole in me. So I stood upon him, 'and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live 'after that he was fallen. And I took the crown that was 'upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and 'have brought them hither unto my lord.' Then David took hold of his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him. And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until evening, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son,

and for the people of Jehovah, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.

And David said unto the young man that told him, 13
'Whence art thou?' And he answered, 'I am the son of
'a stranger, an Amalekite.' And David said unto him, 14
'How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to
'destroy the anointed of Jehovah?' And David called one 15
of the young men, and said, 'Go near, and fall upon him.'
And he smote him that he died. And David said unto him, 16
'Thy blood be upon thine own head. For thy mouth hath
'testified against thee, saying, I have slain the anointed of
'Jehovah.'

And David sang this lamentation over Saul and over 17
Jonathan his son; also he bade them teach the children of 18
Judah [the Poem of] the Bow; behold, it is written in the
Book of Jasher.

'The Antelope, O Israel, is slain on thy high places; 19
'How are the warriors fallen!
'Tell it not in Gath, 20
'Publish it not in the streets of Askalon;
'Lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,
'Lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.
'Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, 21
'Nor rain upon you, nor fields of heave offerings;
'For there the shield of the warriors ~~was vilely cast away~~,
'The shield of Saul, ~~as if he were not~~ anointed with oil.
'From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the warriors, 22
'The Bow of Jonathan turned not back,
'And the sword of Saul ~~returned not~~ empty.
'Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, 23
'And in their death they were not divided.
'They were swifter than eagles, stronger than lions.
'Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, 24
'Who clothed you in scarlet, with delicacies,
'Who put ornaments of gold upon your apparel.
'How are the warriors fallen in the midst of the battle! 25
'O Jonathan, thou wast slain on thine own high places.
'I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan. 26
'Very pleasant hast thou been unto me.
'Thy love for me was wonderful, passing the love of women.
'How are the warriors fallen, 27
'And the weapons of war perished!'

1 And it came to pass after this, that David inquired of
Jehovah, saying, 'Shall I go up unto any one of the cities
'of Judah?' And Jehovah said unto him, 'Go up.' And
David said, 'Whither shall I go up?' And he said, 'Unto
2 'Hebron.' So David went up thither, and his two wives
also, Ahinoam the Jezreelite, and Abigail the wife of Nabal
3 the Carmelite. And his men that were with him did David
bring up, every man with his household. And they dwelt
4 in the cities of Hebron. And the men of Judah came, and
there they anointed DAVID KING over the house of Judah
[in B.C. 1051].

And some told David, saying, 'The men of Jabesh in
5 'Gilead are they that buried Saul.' And David sent mes-
sengers unto the men of Jabesh in Gilead, and said unto
them, 'Blessed be ye of Jehovah, that ye have shewed this
'kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried
6 'him. And now may Jehovah shew kindness and truth
'unto you. And I also will requite you this good, because
7 'ye have done this thing. Therefore now let your hands
'be strengthened, and be ye sons of valour. For your
'master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have
'anointed me king over them.'

8 But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took
ISH-BOSHETH the son of Saul, and brought him over to
9 Mahanaim; and made him king over Gilead, and over the
Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over
10 Benjamin, and over all Israel [in B.C. 1051]. Ish-bosheth
Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over
Israel, and he reigned two years. But the house of Judah
11 followed David. And the number of days that David was
king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years
and six months.

12 And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-
bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to
13 Gibeon. And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants
of David, went out. And they met together by the pool
of Gibeon. And they sat down, the one on the one side
of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.
14 And Abner said to Joab, 'Let the young men now arise,
'and play before us.' And Joab said, 'Let them arise.'
15 Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Ben-

jamin, who pertained to Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David. And they caught every 16
one his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together. Wherefore that place was called the Field of ~~Zerim [or Enemies]~~ Helkath-hazzurim, which is in Gibeon. And there was a very sore battle that day. 17
And Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.

And there were three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and 18
Abishai, and Asahel. And Asahel was as light of foot as one of the antelopes of the field. And Asahel pursued 19
after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner. Then Abner looked 20
behind him, and said, 'Art thou Asahel?' And he answered, 'I am.' And Abner said to him, 'Turn aside to 21
'thy right hand or to thy left, and lay hold on one of the 'young men, and take to thyself his spoil.' But Asahel would not turn aside from following him. And Abner 22
said again to Asahel, 'Turn thee aside from following me. 'Wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? How then 'should I hold up my face before Joab thy brother?' Howbeit he refused to turn aside. Therefore Abner with 23
the hinder end of the spear smote him ~~under the fifth rib~~ in the belly, so that the spear came out behind him. And he fell down there, and died in the same place. And it came to pass, that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died, stood still. Joab ~~also~~ and Abishai pursued after 24
Abner. And the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that lieth before Giah by the way of the desert of Gibeon. And the children of Benjamin ga- 25
thered themselves together after Abner, and became one band, and stood on the top of a hill. Then Abner called 26
to Joab and said, 'Shall the sword devour for ever? 'Knowest thou not that there will be bitterness in the 'latter end? How long shall it be then, ere thou bid the 'people return from following their brethren?' And Joab 27
said, 'As God liveth, even if thou hadst not spoken, yet 'surely in the morning the people had gone up from fol- 'lowing every one his brother.' So Joab blew a trumpet, 28
and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more. And Abner and his 29

men walked all that night through the ~~Barren Valley~~, and passed over the Jordan, and went through all the ~~Broken~~ Valley, and they came to Mahanaim.

30 And Joab returned from following Abner. And when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of
31 David's servants nineteen men and Asahel. But the servants of David had smitten some of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, so that three hundred and threescore men
32 died. And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the burial-place of his father, which was at Beth-lehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and day broke upon them in Hebron.

1 Now the war was long between the house of Saul and the house of David. But David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.
2 And unto David were sons born in Hebron; and his first-
3 born was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelite; and his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter
4 of Talmai king of Geshur; and the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;
5 and the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

6 And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made
7 himself strong in the house of Saul. And Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah. And [Ish-bosheth] said to Abner, 'Wherefore hast thou
8 'gone in unto my father's concubine?' Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ish-bosheth, and said, 'Am I 'a dog's head, ~~which~~ against Judah? ~~do~~ shew kindness ~~this~~ 'day unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, 'and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the 'hand of David, ~~that thou~~ chargest on me to-day the wicked-
9 'ness of this woman? So do God to Abner, and more 'also, except, as Jehovah hath sworn to David, even so I do
10 'to him; to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul, 'and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over
11 'Judah, from Dan even to Beer-sheba.' And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.
12 And Abner sent messengers to David on ~~his behalf~~, saying, 'Whose is the land?' saying also, 'Make thy league

'with me, and, behold, my hand shall be with thee, to turn
'all Israel unto thee.' And he said, 'It is good; I will 13
'make a league with thee. But one thing I require of thee,
'namely, thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring
'Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face.'
And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth Saul's son, say- 14
ing, 'Deliver to me my wife Michal, whom I espoused to
'me for an hundred foreskins of the Philistines.' And 15
Ish-bosheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from
Phaltiel the son of Laish. And her husband went with 16
her, going and weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said
Abner unto him, 'Go, return.' And he returned.

And Abner talked with the elders of Israel, saying, 'Ye 17
'sought for David in times past to be king over you. Now 18
'then do it. For Jehovah hath spoken of David, saying,
'By the hand of my servant David I will save my people
'Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the
'hand of all their enemies.' And Abner also spake in the 19
ears of Benjamin. And Abner went also to speak in the
ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good in the eyes
of Israel, and in the eyes of the whole house of Benjamin.
So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with 20
him. And David made for Abner and for the men that
were with him a drinking feast. And Abner said unto 21
David, 'I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto
'my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee,
'and that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart
'desireth.' And David sent Abner away; and he went in
peace.

And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from 22
an inroad, and brought in a great spoil with them. But
Abner was not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him
away, and he was gone in peace. When Joab and all the 23
host that was with him were come, they told Joab, say-
ing, 'Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath
'sent him away, and he is gone in peace.' Then Joab came 24
to the king, and said, 'What hast thou done? Behold,
'Abner came unto thee; why is it that thou hast sent him
'away, and he is quite gone? Thou knowest Abner the 25
'son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy
'going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou
'doest.' And when Joab was come out from David, he 26

sent messengers after Abner, who brought him back again
27 from the Pit of Sirah. But David knew it not. And when
Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the
city gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there
under the fifth rib, so that he died, because of the blood of
Asahel his brother.
28 And afterward when David heard it, he said, 'I and my
'kingdom are guiltless before Jehovah for ever from the
29 'blood of Abner the son of Ner. Let it rest on the head
'of Joab, and on all his father's house; and let the house
'of Joab never be without one that hath an issue, or that
'is a leper, or that leaneth on a crutch, or that falleth by
30 'the sword, or that lacketh bread.' So Joab and Abishai
his brother slew Abner, because he had killed their brother
31 Asahel at Gibeon in the battle. And David said to Joab,
and to all the people that were with him, 'Rend your
'clothes, and gird yourselves with sackcloth, and mourn
'before Abner.' And king David himself followed the bier.
32 And they buried Abner in Hebron. And the king lifted
up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the
33 people wept. And the king sang a lament over Abner,
and said,
'Abner, died as a fool dieth?
34 'Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters;
'As a man falleth before wicked men, so didst thou fall.'
And all the people wept again over him.
35 And when all the people came to make David eat bread
while it was yet day, David sware, saying, 'So do God to
'me, and more also, if I taste bread, or aught else, till the
36 'sun be down.' And all the people took notice of it, and
it was good in their eyes; as whatsoever the king did was
37 good in the eyes of all the people. For all the people
and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the
38 king to slay Abner the son of Ner. And the king said
unto his servants, 'Know ye not that there is a prince and
39 'a great man fallen this day in Israel? And I am this day
'weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of
'Zeruiah be too hard for me. Jehovah will reward the
'doer of evil according to his wickedness.'
1 And when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in
Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were
2 troubled. And Saul's son had two men that were captains

of bands. The name of the one was Baanah, and the name
of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon, a Beerothite, of
the children of Benjamin; (for Beeroth also was reckoned
to Benjamin; and the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and 3
were sojourners there until this day.) And Jonathan the 4
son of Saul had a son that was lame of his feet. He was
five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan
out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled. And
it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and
became lame. And his name was Mephi-bosheth. And 5
the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah,
went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of
Ish-bosheth, who lay on a bed at noon. And they came 6
thither into the midst of the house, as though they would
have fetched wheat; and they smote him under the fifth
rib; and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. For 7
when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his
bedchamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and be-
headed him, and took his head, and got them away through
the Arabah all night. And they brought the head 8
of Ish-bosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king,
'Behold the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul thine
'enemy, who sought thy life; and Jehovah hath avenged
'my lord the king this day upon Saul, and upon his seed.'
And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the 9
sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, 'As
'Jehovah liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all
'adversity, when one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, 10
'and he was in his own eyes a bringer of good tidings, I
'took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, which was my
'reward for his tidings; how much more, when wicked 11
'men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon
'his bed? Shall I not therefore now require his blood at
'your hand, and take you away from the earth?' And 12
David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and
cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up over
the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth,
and buried it in the burial-place of Abner in Hebron.

Then came all the heads of the tribes of Israel to David 1
unto Hebron, and spake, saying, 'Behold, we are thy bone
'and thy flesh. Also in time past, when Saul was king 2
'over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in

'Israel. And Jehovah said to thee, Thou shalt feed my
3 'people Israel, and thou shalt be a leader over Israel.' So
all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king
David made a league with them in Hebron before Jehovah.
And they anointed DAVID KING OVER ISRAEL [in B.C. 1043].
4 (David was thirty years old when he began to reign [in
5 B.C. 1051], and he reigned forty years. In Hebron he
reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and in
Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel
and Judah.)
6 And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the
Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land. And they spake
unto David, saying, 'Thou shalt not come in hither, for even
'the blind and the lame will drive thee off;' meaning,
7 David cannot come in hither. Nevertheless David took
the stronghold of Zion; the same is the city of David.
8 And David said on that day, 'Let every one get up through
'the water-course, and smite the Jebusites, even to the lame
'and the blind, that are hated of David's soul,' because they
had said, 'By the blind and the lame he shall not come
9 'into the house.' So David dwelt in the stronghold, and
called it the City of David. And David built round about
10 from Millo [or the embankment] and inward. And David
went on, and grew great, and Jehovah the God of hosts
was with him.
11 And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and
cedar trees, and cutters of wood and cutters of stone for
12 walls; and they built David an house. And David per-
ceived that Jehovah had established him king over Israel,
and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's
sake.
13 And David took him more concubines and wives out of
Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron; and there were
14 yet sons and daughters born to David. And these are the
names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem;
15 Shammuah, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, and
16 Ibhar, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia, and Elishama,
and Eliada, and Eliphalet.
17 But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed
David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek
David. And David heard of it, and went down to the
18 stronghold. The Philistines also came and spread them-

selves in the Valley of the Giants. And David inquired 19
of Jehovah, saying, 'Shall I go up to the Philistines?
'Wilt thou deliver them up into mine hand?' And Jeho-
vah said unto David, 'Go up; for I will surely deliver the
'Philistines into thine hand.' And David came to Baal- 20
perazim, and David smote them there, and said, 'Jehovah
'hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the
'breach of waters.' Therefore he called the name of that
place Baal-perazim. And there they left their images, and 21
David and his men carried them away.

And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread them- 22
selves in the Valley of the Giants. And when David in- 23
quired of Jehovah, he said, 'Thou shalt not go up; but go
'round about behind them, and come upon them over
'against the balsam trees. And let it be, when thou hearest 24
'the sound of marching on the tops of the balsam trees,
'that then thou shalt bestir thyself; for then will Jeho-
'vah go out before thee, to smite the camp of the Philis-
'tines.' And David did so, as Jehovah had commanded 25
him; and he smote the Philistines from Gibeah until thou
come to Gezer.

Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of 1
Israel, thirty thousand. And David arose, and went with 2
all the people that were with him from Baalah of Judah,
to bring up from thence the Ark of God, whose name is
called by the name of Jehovah of hosts that dwelleth be-
tween the cherubs. And they set the Ark of God upon a 3
new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that
was in Gibeah; and Uzzah and his brother, the sons of
Abinadab, drove the new cart. And they brought it out 4
of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, with the
Ark of God. And his brother went before the Ark. And 5
David and all the house of Israel played before Jehovah
on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on
harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on tinkling
rods, and on cymbals.

And when they came to Nachon's threshing-floor, Uzzah 6
put forth his hand to the Ark of God, and took hold of it;
for the oxen stumbled. And the anger of Jehovah was 7
kindled against Uzzah. And God smote him there for his
rashness; and there he died by the Ark of God. And 8
David was displeased, because Jehovah had made a breach

upon Uzzah. And the name of the place was called Perez-
9 uzzah [or the Breach of Uzzah] to this day. And David
was afraid of Jehovah that day, and said, 'How shall the
10 'Ark of Jehovah come to me?' So David would not re-
move the Ark of Jehovah unto him into the city of David;
but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the
11 Gittite. And the Ark of Jehovah continued in the house
of Obed-edom the Gittite for three months. And Jehovah
blessed Obed-edom, and all his household.
12 And it was told king David, saying, 'Jehovah hath blessed
'the house of Obed-edom, and all that belongeth unto him,
'because of the Ark of God.' So David went and brought
up the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the
13 city of David with rejoicing. And it was so, that when
they that carried the Ark of Jehovah had gone six paces,
14 he sacrificed oxen and fatlings. And David danced before
Jehovah with all his might; and David was girded with a
15 linen Ephod [~~or priestly dress~~]. So David and all the
house of Israel brought up the Ark of Jehovah with shout-
16 ing, and with the sound of the trumpet. And as the Ark
of Jehovah came into the city of David, Michal Saul's
daughter looked through a window, and saw king David
leaping and dancing before Jehovah; and she despised him
in her heart.
17 And they brought in the Ark of Jehovah, and set it in its
place, in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for
it. And David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings
18 before Jehovah. And as soon as David had made an end
of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed
19 the people in the name of Jehovah of hosts. And he dealt
among all the people, even among the whole multitude of
Israel, as well to the women as to the men, to every one a
pricked cake of bread, and a measure [of wine], and a raisin
cake. So all the people departed every one to his house.
20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal
the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said,
'How glorious was the king of Israel to-day, who uncovered
'himself to-day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants,
'as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth him-
21 'self!' And David said unto Michal, 'It was before Jeho-
'vah, who chose me before thy father, and before all his
'house, to appoint me leader over the people of Jehovah,

'over Israel. Therefore did I make merry before Jehovah.
'And I am even too vile for this; and I am base in mine 22
'own sight; and with the maid-servants whom thou hast
'spoken of, together with them shall I be had in honour.'
Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto 23
the day of her death.

And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and 1
Jehovah had given him rest round about from all his ene-
mies; that the king said unto Nathan the prophet, 'See 2
'now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the Ark of God
'dwelleth within curtains.' And Nathan said to the king, 3
'Go, do all that is in thine heart; for Jehovah is with thee.'
But it came to pass that night, that the word of Jehovah 4
came unto Nathan, saying, 'Go and tell my servant David, 5
'Thus saith Jehovah, Shalt thou build me an house for me
'to dwell in? Whereas I have not dwelt in any house 6
'since the time that I brought up the children of Israel
'out of Egypt, even to this day, but I have been going about
'in a tent and in a tabernacle. In all the places wherein 7
'I have gone about with all the children of Israel spake I
'a word with any of the heads of the tribes of Israel, whom
'I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build
'ye not for me an house of cedar? Now therefore so 8
'shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith Jehovah
'of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following
'the sheep, to be the leader over my people, over Israel.
'And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and I 9
'have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have
'made for thee a great name, like unto the name of the
'great men that are on the earth. Moreover I have ap- 10
'pointed a place for my people Israel, and have planted
'them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and
'move no more; neither shall the sons of wickedness afflict
'them any more, as beforetime. And since the time that 11
'I commanded Judges to be over my people Israel, I have
'also caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also Jeho-
'vah telleth thee that he will make for thee an house. For 12
'when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy
'fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall pro-
'ceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.
'He shall build an House for my Name, and I will establish 13
'the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, 14

'and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will
'chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of
15 'the sons of Adam. But my kindness shall not depart away
'from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from
16 'before thee. And thine house and thy kingdom shall be
'established for ever before thee; thy throne shall be esta-
17 'blished for ever.' According to all these words, and ac-
cording to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.
18 Then went king David in, and sat before Jehovah, and
he said, 'Who am I, O Lord Jehovah? And what is my
19 'house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? And this was
'yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord Jehovah; but thou
'hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while
'to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord Jehovah?
20 'And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, O Lord
21 'Jehovah, knowest thy servant. For thy word's sake, and
'according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these
22 'great things, to make thy servant know them. Where-
'fore thou art great, O Jehovah God. For there is none like
'thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to
23 'all that we have heard with our ears. And what one na-
'tion in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom
'God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make
'for him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible,
'for thy land, before thy people, whom thou redeemedst to
'thee from ~~Lower~~ Egypt, from the Nations and their gods?
24 'For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be
'a people unto thee for ever. And thou, Jehovah, art be-
25 'come their God. And now, O Jehovah God, the word that
'thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning
'his house, raise it up for ever, and do as thou hast said.
26 'And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, Jehovah
'of hosts is the God over Israel; and let the house of thy
27 'servant David be established before thee. For thou, O
'Jehovah of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to the ear
'of thy servant, saying, I will build for thee an house; there-
'fore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this
28 'prayer unto thee. And now, O Lord Jehovah, thou art
'that God, and thy words are truth, and thou hast pro-
29 'mised this goodness unto thy servant. Therefore now let
'it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it
'may continue for ever before thee. For thou, O Lord Jeho-

'vah, hast spoken it; and with thy blessing let the house
'of thy servant be blessed for ever.'

And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them. And David took the bridle of 1
the chief city out of the hand of the Philistines. And he 2
smote Moab, and measured them with a line, making them
to lie on the ground; even with two lines measured he to
put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And the
Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts.

David smote also Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of 3
Zobah, as he went to recover his border at the river Eu-
phrates. And David took from him a thousand and seven 4
hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand men on foot. And
David lamed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for
an hundred chariots. And when the Syrians of Damascus 5
came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of
the Syrians two and twenty thousand men. Then David 6
put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became
servants to David, and brought gifts. And Jehovah pre-
served David whithersoever he went. And David took the 7
shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and
brought them to Jerusalem. And from Betah, and from 8
Berothai [or Beyrout], cities of Hadadezer, king David took
exceeding much copper.

When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten 9
all the host of Hadadezer, then Toi sent Joram his son unto 10
king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had
fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him; for Hadadezer
had wars with Toi. And [Joram] brought with him vessels
of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of copper. These 11
also king David did make holy unto Jehovah, with the
silver and gold that he had made holy out of all nations
which he subdued; of Syria, and of Moab, and of the chil- 12
dren of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and
of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

And David made for himself a name when he returned 13
from smiting the Syrians [or Edomites] in the Valley of
Salt, being eighteen thousand men. And he put garrisons 14
in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all
the men of Edom became David's servants. And Jehovah
preserved David whithersoever he went.

And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed 15

16 judgment and righteousness unto all his people. And Joab
the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the
17 son of Ahilud was recorder; and Zadok the son of Ahitub
and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and
18 Seraiah was the scribe; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada
was over both the axe-bearers and the runners; and David's
sons were priests.

1 And David said, 'Is there yet any one that is left of the
'house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's
2 'sake?' And there was of the house of Saul a servant
whose name was Ziba. And when they had called him unto
David, the king said unto him, 'Art thou Ziba?' And he
3 said, 'Thy servant is he.' And the king said, 'Is there not
'yet a man of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kind-
'ness of God unto him?' And Ziba said unto the king,
4 'Jonathan hath yet a son, who is lame in his feet.' And
the king said unto him, 'Where is he?' And Ziba said
unto the king, 'Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the
'son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar.'

5 Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house
6 of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar. Now when
Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was
come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence.
And David said, 'Mephibosheth.' And he answered, 'Be-
7 'hold thy servant!' And David said unto him, 'Fear not;
'for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy
'father's sake, and will restore to thee all the land of Saul
'thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continu-
8 'ally.' And he bowed himself, and said, 'What is thy ser-
'vant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as
9 'I am?' Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and
said unto him, 'I have given unto thy master's son all that
10 'pertained to Saul and to all his house. Thou therefore,
'and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him,
'and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son
'may have bread to eat; but Mephibosheth thy master's
'son shall eat bread always at my table.' Now Ziba had
11 fifteen sons and twenty servants. Then said Ziba unto the
king, 'According to all that my lord the king commandeth
'his servant, so will thy servant do.' 'As for Mephibosheth,'
[said the king,] 'he shall eat at my table, as one of the
12 'king's sons.' And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose

name was Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth. So Mephibosheth dwelt 13
in Jerusalem. For he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame in both his feet.

And it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his 1
stead. Then said David, 'I will shew kindness unto Hanun 2
'the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto 'me.' And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon. And the princes of 3
the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, 'Think-'est thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath 'sent comforters unto thee? Hath not David sent his ser-'vants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and 'to overthrow it?' Wherefore Hanun took David's ser- 4
vants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even at their buttocks, and sent them away. When they told it unto David, he 5
sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed; and the king said, 'Tarry at Jericho until your beards be 'grown, and then return.'

And when the children of Ammon saw that they stank 6
before David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand men on foot, and of king Maacah a thousand men, and of Ish-tob twelve thousand men. And when David 7
heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the warriors. And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle 8
in array at the entering in of the city gate; and the Syrians of Zoba, and of Rehob, and Ish-tob, and Maacah, were by themselves in the field. When Joab saw that the front of 9
the battle was against him before and behind, he chose some of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians. And the rest of the people he deli- 10
vered into the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put them in array against the children of Ammon. And he 11
said, 'If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt 'help me; but if the children of Ammon be too strong for 'thee, then I will come and help thee. Be strong, and let 12
'us make ourselves strong for our people, and for the cities 'of our God; and Jehovah will do that which seemeth to

13 'him good.' And Joab drew nigh, and the people that were
with him, unto the battle against the Syrians. And they
14 fled before him. And when the children of Ammon saw
that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before Abi-
shai, and entered into the city. So Joab returned from
the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.
15 And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before
16 Israel, they gathered themselves together. And Hadarezer
sent, and brought out the Syrians that were beyond the
River [Euphrates]. And they came to Helam; and Sho-
bach the captain of the host of Hadarezer went before them.
17 And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel toge-
ther, and passed over the Jordan, and came to Helam.
And the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and
18 fought with him. And the Syrians fled before Israel; and
David slew the men of seven hundred chariots of the Sy-
rians, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the
19 captain of their host, who died there. And when all the
kings that were servants to Hadarezer saw that they were
smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and
served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children
of Ammon any more.

1 And it came to pass, at the return of the year, at the
time when kings go forth [to battle], that David sent Joab,
and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they de-
stroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah.
2 But David abode at Jerusalem. And it came to pass on
an evening, that David arose from off his bed, and walked
about upon the roof of the king's house; and from the roof
he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very
3 beautiful to look upon. And David sent and inquired after
the woman. And he said, 'Is not this Bath-sheba, the
4 'daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?' And
David sent messengers, and took her. And she came in
unto him, and he lay with her. And when she was purified
from her uncleanness she returned unto her house.
5 And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and
6 said, 'I am with child.' And David sent to Joab, [saying,]
'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to
7 David. And when Uriah was come unto him, David de-
manded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and
8 how the war prospered. And David said to Uriah, 'Go

'down to thy house, and wash thy feet.' And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a gift [of meat] from the king. But Uriah slept at the door 9
of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. And when they had told 10
David, saying, 'Uriah went not down unto his house,' David said unto Uriah, 'Camest thou not from a journey? 'Why then didst thou not go down unto thine house?' And Uriah said unto David, 'The Ark, and Israel, and 11
'Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants 'of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then 'go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with 'my wife? As thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will 'not do this thing.' And David said to Uriah, 'Tarry here 12
'to-day also, and to-morrow I will let thee depart.' So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow. And 13
when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk. And at evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a 14
letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. And he 15
wrote in the letter, saying, 'Set ye Uriah in the front of 'the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be 'smitten, and die.' And it came to pass, when Joab ob- 16
served the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were. And the men of the city 17
went out, and fought with Joab. And there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning 18
the war; and charged the messenger, saying, 'When thou 19
'hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto 'the king, and if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he 20
'say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the 'city when ye did fight? Knew ye not that they would 'shoot from the wall? Who smote Abimelech the son of 21
'Jerubbesheth? Did not a woman cast a piece of a mill-'stone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? 'Why went ye nigh the wall? then say thou, Thy servant 'Uriah the Hittite is dead also.'

So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all 22

that Joab had sent him for. And the messenger said unto
David, 'Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out
'unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the
'entering of the city gate. And the shooters shot from off
'the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's ser-
'vants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead
'also.' Then David said unto the messenger, 'Thus shalt
'thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing be evil in thine
'eyes, for the sword devoureth one as well as another.
'Make thy battle more strong against the city, and over-
'throw it. And encourage thou him.'

And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her hus-
band was dead, she mourned for her husband. And when
the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his
house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son.

But the thing that David had done was evil in the eyes
of Jehovah. And Jehovah sent Nathan unto David. And
he came unto him, and said unto him, 'There were two men
'in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. The rich
'man had exceeding many flocks and herds. But the poor
'man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had
'bought and nourished up; and it grew up together with
'him, and with his children; it did eat of his own crust, and
'drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto
'him as a daughter. And there came a traveller unto the
'rich man. And he spared to take of his own flock and of
'his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come
'unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it
'for the man that was come to him.' And David's anger
was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan,
'As Jehovah liveth, the man that hath done this shall
'surely die. And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because
'he did this thing, and because he had no pity.' And Na-
than said to David, 'Thou art the man. Thus saith Jeho-
'vah the God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel,
'and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul. And I gave
'thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy
'bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah;
'and if that had been too little, I would moreover have
'given unto thee such and such things. Wherefore hast
'thou despised the commandment of Jehovah, to do evil in
'his eyes? Thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the

'sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast
'slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now 10
'therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house;
'because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of
'Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. Thus saith Jehovah, 11
'Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own
'house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and
'give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy
'wives in the sight of this sun. For thou didst it secretly. 12
'But I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the
'sun.' And David said unto Nathan, 'I have sinned against 13
'Jehovah.' And Nathan said unto David, 'Jehovah also
'hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, be- 14
'cause by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the
'enemies of Jehovah to blaspheme, the son also that is born
'unto thee shall surely die.'

And Nathan departed unto his house. And Jehovah 15
struck the child that Uriah's wife had borne unto David,
and it was very sick. David therefore besought God for 16
the child; and David kept his fast, and went in, and lay
all night upon the earth. And the elders of his house arose, 17
and went to him, to raise him up from the earth. But he
would not, neither did he eat bread with them. And it 18
came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And
the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was
dead. For they said, 'Behold, while the child was yet
'alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto
'our voice. How then, if we tell him that the child is dead?
'He may do some evil.' But when David saw that his ser- 19
vants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead.
Therefore David said unto his servants, 'Is the child dead?'
And they said, 'He is dead.' Then David arose from the 20
earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his
apparel, and came into the House of Jehovah, and wor-
shipped. Then he came to his own house; and when he
asked, they set bread before him, and he did eat. Then said 21
his servants unto him, 'What thing is this that thou hast
'done? Thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it
'was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and
'eat bread.' And he said, 'While the child was yet alive, 22
'I fasted and wept; for I said, Who knoweth whether Jeho-
'vah will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But 23

'now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him
'back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to
'me.'

24 And David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in
unto her, and lay with her. And she bare a son, and he
25 called his name Solomon. And Jehovah loved him, and sent
by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and called his name
Jedidiah [or Beloved by Jehovah], because of Jehovah.

26 And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Am-
27 mon, and took the royal city. And Joab sent messengers
to David, and said, 'I have fought against Rabbah, and have
28 'taken the City of Waters. Now therefore gather the rest
'of the people together, and encamp against the city, and
'take it; lest I take the city, and it be called after my name.'
29 And David gathered all the people together, and went to
30 Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it. And he took
their king's crown from off his head, the weight whereof
was a Kikar [or Hundred-weight] of gold and precious
stones. And it was set on David's head. And he brought
31 forth the spoil of the city in great abundance. And he
brought forth the people that were therein, and put them
under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of
iron, and made them pass through the brickkiln. And thus
did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So
David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

1 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of
David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Am-
2 non the son of David loved her. And Amnon was so
vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar. For she was
a maiden; and in the eyes of Amnon it was difficult to do
3 any thing to her. But Amnon had a friend, whose name
was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother. And
4 Jonadab was a very subtle man. And he said unto him,
'Why art thou, being the king's son, so falling away from
'morning to morning? Wilt thou not tell me?' And
Amnon said unto him, 'I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's
5 'sister.' And Jonadab said unto him, 'Lay thee down on
'thy bed, and make thyself sick. And when thy father
'cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister
'Tamar come, and give me bread, and dress the food in my
'sight, that I may see it, and eat it from her hand.'

So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick. And when 6
the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king,
'I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a
'couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her hand.'
Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, 'Go now to thy 7
'brother Amnon's house, and dress him food.' So Tamar 8
went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down.
And she took dough, and kneaded it, and made pancakes
in his sight, and did cook the pancakes. And she took a 9
pan, and poured them out before him. But he refused to
eat. And Amnon said, 'Put out all men from me.' And
they went out every man from him. And Amnon said unto 10
Tamar, 'Bring the food into the chamber, that I may eat
'from thine hand.' And Tamar took the cakes which she
had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon
her brother. And when she had brought them unto him 11
to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, 'Come lie
'with me, my sister.' And she answered him, 'Nay, my 12
'brother, do not humble me; for no such thing ought to
'be done in Israel. Do not thou this folly. And I, whi- 13
'ther shall I cause my shame to go? And as for thee, thou
'shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I
'pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold
'me from thee.' Howbeit he would not hearken unto her 14
voice; but, being stronger than she, humbled her, and lay
with her. Then Amnon hated her with very great hatred; 15
so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than
the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said
unto her, 'Arise, be gone.' And she said unto him, 'There 16
'is no cause. This evil in sending me away is greater than
'the other that thou didst unto me.' But he would not
hearken unto her. Then he called his servant that minis- 17
tered unto him, and said, 'Put now this woman away from
'me outside, and bolt the door after her.' And she had a 18
garment with long skirts upon her; for with such robes
were the king's maiden daughters apparelled. Then his
servant brought her outside, and bolted the door after her.

And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment 19
with long skirts that was on her, and laid her hand on her
head, and went on crying out. And Absalom her brother 20
said unto her, 'Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee?

'But hold now thy peace, my sister. He is thy brother; 'set not thy heart upon this thing.' So Tamar remained, and was desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

21 But when king David heard of all these things, he was
22 very wroth. And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad; for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had humbled his sister Tamar.

23 And it came to pass after two years, that Absalom had sheep-shearers in Baal-hazor, which is beside Ephraim. And
24 Absalom invited all the king's sons. And Absalom came to the king, and said, 'Behold now, thy servant hath sheep-'shearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go
25 'with thy servant.' And the king said to Absalom, 'Nay, 'my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable unto 'thee.' And he pressed him. Howbeit he would not go,
26 but blessed him. Then said Absalom, 'If not, I pray thee, 'let my brother Amnon go with us.' And the king said
27 unto him, 'Why should he go with thee?' But Absalom pressed him, that he sent Amnon and all the king's sons with him.

28 Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, 'Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, 'and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, 'fear not. Will ye not, since I have commanded you? Be
29 'courageous, and be sons of valour.' And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man got him up upon his mule, and fled.

30 And it came to pass, while they were on the way, that tidings came to David, saying, 'Absalom hath slain all the
31 'king's sons, and there is not one of them left.' Then the king arose, and tore his garments, and lay on the earth; and
32 all his servants stood by with their clothes rent, And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, 'Let not my lord suppose that they have slain all the young 'men the king's sons. For Amnon only is dead. For it 'was by the command of Absalom, having been determined
33 'from the day that he humbled his sister Tamar. Now 'therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his 'heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead. For
34 'Amnon only is dead.' But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and,

behold, there came much people by the way of the hill side behind him. And Jonadab said unto the king, 'Behold, 35
'the king's sons are come. As thy servant said, so it is.'
And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of 36
speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept. And the king also and all his servants wept with a very great weeping.

But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Ammi- 37
hud, king of Geshur. And [David] mourned for his son every day. So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was 38
there three years. And king David ceased to go forth 39
against Absalom; for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.

Now Joab the son of Zeruiah knew that the king's heart 1
was toward Absalom. And Joab sent to Tekoah, and 2
fetched thence a wise woman. And he said unto her, 'I
'pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now
'mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be
'as a woman that hath a long time mourned for one dead.
'And come to the king, and speak in this manner unto 3
'him.' So Joab put the words in her mouth.

And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, she 4
fell on her face to the ground, and did reverence, and said,
'Help, O king.' And the king said unto her, 'What aileth 5
'thee?' And she answered, 'I am indeed a widow woman,
'and mine husband is dead. And thy handmaid had two 6
'sons, and they two strove together in the field, and there
'was none to part them, but the one smote the other, and
'slew him. And, behold, the whole family is risen against 7
'thine handmaid, and they said, Deliver up him that smote
'his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his bro-
'ther whom he slew; and we will destroy the heir also.
'And so they will quench my coal which is left, so as not
'to leave to my husband either name or remainder upon
'the face of the earth.' And the king said unto the woman, 8
'Go to thine house, and I will give charge concerning thee.'
And the woman of Tekoah said unto the king, 'My lord, 9
'O king, the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house;
'and the king and his throne be guiltless.' And the king 10
said, 'Whosoever saith aught unto thee, bring him to me,
'and he shall not touch thee any more.' Then said she, 11
'I pray thee, let the king remember Jehovah thy God, that

'the revengers of blood may not destroy any more, lest
'they destroy my son.' And he said, 'As Jehovah liveth,
12 'there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth.' Then
the woman said, 'Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak
'one word unto my lord the king.' And he said, 'Say
13 'on.' And the woman said, 'Wherefore then hast thou
'thought such a thing against the people of God? For the
'king while speaking this thing is as one who is faulty, in
'that the king doth not fetch home again his banished one.
14 'For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the
'ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth
'God respect any person; yet doth he devise means, that
15 'his banished one be not expelled from him. Now there-
'fore that I am come to speak of this thing unto my lord
'the king, it is because the people have made me afraid.
'And thy handmaid said, I will now speak unto the king;
'it may be that the king will perform the request of his
16 'handmaid. For the king will hear, to deliver his hand-
'maid out of the hand of the man that would destroy me
17 'and my son together out of the inheritance of God. Then
'thine handmaid said, Let the word of my lord the king
'now be a comfort. For as an angel of God, so is my lord
'the king to hearken to good and bad. Therefore Jehovah
'thy God will be with thee.'

18 Then the king answered and said unto the woman, 'Hide
'not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee.'
And the woman said, 'Let my lord the king now speak.'
19 And the king said, 'The hand of Joab is with thee in all
'this.' And the woman answered and said, 'As thy soul
'liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand
'or to the left from aught that my lord the king hath spoken.
'For thy servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all these
20 'words in the mouth of thine handmaid. For to bring
'about a change in the face of this matter hath thy servant
'Joab done this thing. And my lord is wise, according to
'the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that
21 'are in the earth.' And the king said unto Joab, 'Behold
'now, I have done this thing. Go therefore, bring the
22 'young man Absalom again.' And Joab fell to the ground
on his face, and bowed himself, and blessed the king. And
Joab said, 'To-day thy servant knoweth that I have found
'grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath

'fulfilled the request of his servant.' So Joab arose and 21
went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. And 22
the king said, 'Let him turn to his own house, and let him
'not see my face.' So Absalom returned to his own house,
and saw not the king's face.

And in all Israel there was not a man so beautiful, so 25
greatly to be praised as Absalom. From the sole of his
foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish
in him. And when he polled his head, (for it was at every 26
year's end that he polled it; because the hair was heavy
on him, therefore he polled it;) he weighed the hair of his
head at two hundred shekels [or six pounds] after the king's
weight. And unto Absalom there were born three sons, 27
and one daughter, whose name was Tamar; she was a
woman of a beautiful countenance.

So Absalom dwelt two years in Jerusalem, and saw not 28
the king's face. Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have 29
sent him to the king; but he would not come to him.
And when he sent again the second time, he would not come.
Therefore he said unto his servants, 'See, Joab's field is 30
'near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire.'
And Absalom's servants set the field on fire. Then Joab 31
arose, and came to Absalom unto his house, and said unto
him, 'Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire?'
And Absalom answered Joab, 'Behold, I sent unto thee, say- 32
'ing, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say,
'Wherefore am I come from Geshur? It had been good
'for me to have been there still. Now therefore let me
'see the king's face; and if there be any iniquity in me,
'let him kill me.' So Joab came to the king, and told 33
him. And when he had called for Absalom, he came to the
king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before
the king. And the king kissed Absalom.

And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared 1
for himself chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before
him. And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the 2
way of the city gate. And it was so, that when any man
that had a quarrel came to the king for judgment, then
Absalom called unto him, and said, 'Of what city art thou?'
And he said, 'Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel.'
And Absalom said unto him, 'See, thy matters are good 3
'and right; but there is no man from the king to hear

4 'thee.' Absalom said moreover, 'Oh that I were made
'judge in the land, that every man who hath any quarrel
'or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice!'
5 And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to
do him reverence, he put forth his hand, and took him,
6 and kissed him. And on this manner did Absalom to all
Israel that came to the king for judgment. So Absalom
stole the hearts of the men of Israel.
7 And it came to pass at the end of forty years, that Absa-
lom said unto the king, 'I pray thee, let me go and pay
'unto Jehovah, in Hebron, my vow, which I have vowed.
8 'For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in
'Syria, saying, If Jehovah shall bring me again indeed to
9 'Jerusalem, then I will serve Jehovah.' And the king said
unto him, 'Go in peace.' So he arose, and went to Hebron.
10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel,
saying, 'As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then
11 'ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron.' And with
Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that
were called; and they went in their simplicity, and they
12 knew not any thing. And Absalom sent Ahithophel the
Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, even from Giloh,
while he sacrificed sacrifices. And the conspiracy was
strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.
13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, 'The
14 'hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.' And David
said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem,
'Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not else escape from
'Absalom. Make speed to depart, lest he overtake us sud-
'denly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with
15 'the edge of the sword.' And the king's servants said unto
the king, 'Behold, we are thy servants for whatsoever my
16 'lord the king wisheth.' And the king went forth, and
all his household in his footsteps. And the king left ten
17 women, who were concubines, to keep the house. And
the king went forth, and all the people in his footsteps,
18 and tarried in a house that was afar off. And all his ser-
vants passed on beside him; and all the axe-bearers, and
all the runners, and all the Gathites, six hundred men who
came in his footsteps from Gath, passed on before the king.
19 Then said the king to Ittai the Gathite, 'Wherefore
'goest thou also with us? Return and abide with the king

'[of Gath]; for thou art a stranger, and also an exile from
'thy place. Whereas thou camest but yesterday, should 20
'I this day make thee to wander with us in our goings?
'Seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back
'thy brethren. Kindness and truth be with thee.' And 21
Ittai answered the king, and said, 'As Jehovah liveth, and
'as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord
'the king shall be, whether in death or in life, even there
'also will thy servant be.' And David said to Ittai, 'Go 22
'and pass over.' And Ittai the Gathite passed over, and
all his men, and all the little ones that were with him.
And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the 23
people passed over. The king also himself passed over the
valley of the Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward
the way of the desert.

And lo Zadok also, and all the Levites were with him, 24
bearing the Ark of the Covenant of God. And they set
down the Ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the
people had done passing out of the city. And the king 25
said unto Zadok, 'Carry back the Ark of God into the city.
'If I shall find favour in the eyes of Jehovah, he will bring
'me again, and let me see both it, and his habitation. But 26
'if he say thus, I have no delight in thee; behold, here I
'am, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him.' The 27
king said also unto Zadok the priest, 'Dost thou see fit?
'Return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you,
'Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. See, 28
'I will tarry in the barren valleys of the desert, until there
'come word from you to certify me.' Zadok therefore and 29
Abiathar carried the Ark of God again to Jerusalem. And
they dwelt there.

And David went up by the mount of Olives, and wept 30
as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went bare-
foot. And all the people that were with him covered every
man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.
And some one told David, saying, 'Ahithophel is among 31
'the conspirators with Absalom.' And David said, 'O Jeho-
'vah, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into
'foolishness.'

And it came to pass, that when David was come to the 32
top [of the mount], where he worshipped God, behold,
Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent,

33 and earth upon his head; unto whom David said, 'If thou
'passest on with me, then thou wilt be a burden unto me.
34 'But if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, I
'will be thy servant, O king; as I have been thy father's
'servant hitherto, so will I now also be thy servant; then
'mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel.
35 'And hast thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar
'the priests? Therefore it shall be, that what thing soever
'thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell it
36 'to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. Behold, they have
'there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's son, and
'Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them ye shall send unto
37 'me every thing that ye can hear.' So Hushai David's
friend came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

1 And when David was a little past the top [of the mount],
behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a
couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves
of bread, and an hundred cakes of raisins, and an hundred
of summer fruits [or figs], and a leathern bottle of wine.
2 And the king said unto Ziba, 'What meanest thou by
'these?' And Ziba said, 'The asses are for the king's
'household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for
'the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint
3 'in the desert may drink.' And the king said, 'And where
'is thy master's son?' And Ziba said unto the king, 'Be-
'hold, he abideth at Jerusalem. For he said, To-day will
'the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father.'
4 Then said the king to Ziba, 'Behold, thine are all that be-
'longed unto Mephibosheth.' And Ziba said, 'I humbly
'beseech thee that I may find grace in thy sight, my lord,
'O king.'

5 And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence
came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose
name was Shimei, the son of Gera; he came forth, and
6 cursed still as he came. And he cast stones at David, and
at all the servants of king David. And all the people and
all the warriors were on his right hand and on his left.
7 And thus said Shimei when he cursed, 'Come out, come
'out, thou man of bloodshed, and thou man of Belial.
8 'Jehovah hath returned upon thee all the blood of the
'house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and

'Jehovah hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of
'Absalom thy son. And, behold, thou art taken in thine
'own mischief, because thou art a man of bloodshed.' Then 9
said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, 'Why should
'this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over,
'I pray thee, and take off his head.' And the king said, 10
'What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? So let
'him curse; for if Jehovah hath said unto him, Curse David,
'who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?' And 11
David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, 'Behold, my
'son, who came forth of my bowels, is seeking my life; how
'much more now may this Benjamite do it? Let him
'alone, and let him curse; for Jehovah hath bidden him.
'It may be that Jehovah will look on mine affliction, and 12
'that Jehovah will requite me good for his cursing this
'day.' And as David and his men went by the way, 13
Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and
cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust.
And the king, and all the people that were with him, came 14
weary, and refreshed themselves there.

And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came 15
to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. And it came to 16
pass, when Hushai, the Archite, David's friend, was come
unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, 'May the
'king live, may the king live.' And Absalom said to 17
Hushai, 'Is this thy kindness to thy friend? Why wentest
'thou not with thy friend?' And Hushai said unto Absa- 18
lom, 'Nay; but whom Jehovah, and this people, and all
'the men of Israel, choose, his will I be, and with him will
'I abide. And again, whom should I serve? Am I not 19
'in the presence of his son? As I have served in thy
'father's presence, so will I be in thy presence.'

Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, 'Give counsel among 20
'you what we shall do.' And Ahithophel said unto Absa- 21
lom, 'Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath
'left to keep the house; and all Israel will hear that thou
'art abhorred by thy father. Then will the hands of all
'that are with thee be strong.' So they spread Absalom a 22
tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto
his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel. And the 23
counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days,
was as if a man had inquired at the word of God; so was

all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

1 Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom, 'Let me now
'choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue
2 'after David this night. And I will come upon him while he
'is weary and weak in the hands, and will make him afraid.
'And all the people that are with him will flee; and I will
3 'smite the king when he is alone. And I will bring back
'all the people unto thee; as if every man whom thou
'seekest had returned. So all the people will be in peace.'
4 And the saying was right in the eyes of Absalom and in
5 the eyes of all the elders of Israel. Then said Absalom,
'Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise
6 'what is in his mouth.' And when Hushai was come to
Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, 'Ahithophel
'hath spoken after this manner; shall we do after his say-
7 'ing? If not, speak thou.' And Hushai said unto Absa-
lom, 'The counsel that Ahithophel hath given is not good
8 'at this time.' And Hushai said, 'Thou knowest thy father
'and his men, that they are warriors, and they are chafed
'in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field.
'And thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with
9 'the people. Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some
'other place. And it will come to pass, when some of
'them be overthrown at the first, that whosoever heareth
'it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that
10 'follow Absalom. And he also that is a son of valour,
'whose heart is as the heart of a lion, will utterly melt;
'for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a warrior, and
11 'they that be with him are sons of valour. Therefore
'I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee,
'from Dan even to Beer-sheba, as the sand that is by the
'sea for multitude; and that thou go to battle in thine
12 'own person. So shall we come upon him in some place
'where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as
'the dew falleth on the ground. And of him and of all
'the men that are with him there shall not be left so much
13 'as one. Moreover, if he be got into a city, then shall all
'Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it as into
'a river, until there be not one small stone found there.'
14 And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, 'The counsel

'of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahitho-
'phel.' For Jehovah had appointed to defeat the good
counsel of Ahithophel, to the end that Jehovah might bring
evil upon Absalom.

Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, 15
'Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the
'elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled.
'Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge 16
'not this night in the barren valleys of the desert, but
'speedily pass over [the Jordan]; lest the king be swal-
'lowed up, and all the people that are with him.' Now 17
Jonathan and Ahimaaz had stayed by Ain-rogel; for they
might not be seen to come into the city. And a wench
went and told them; and they went and told king David.
Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom. But they 18
went both of them away quickly, and came to a man's
house in Bahurim, who had a well in his court; whither
they went down. And the woman took and spread a cover- 19
ing over the well's mouth, and scattered ground corn thereon;
and the thing was not known. And when Absalom's ser- 20
vants came to the woman to the house, they said, 'Where
'are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?' And the woman said unto
them, 'They are gone over the brook of water.' And
when they had sought and could not find them, they re-
turned to Jerusalem. And it came to pass, after they were 21
departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and
told king David, and said unto David, 'Arise, and pass
'quickly over the water; for thus hath Ahithophel coun-
'selled against you.' Then David arose, and all the people 22
that were with him, and they passed over the Jordan. By
the morning light there lacked not one of them that was
not gone over the Jordan.

And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not fol- 23
lowed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and went to his house,
to his city, and gave orders to his household, and hanged
himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his
father.

Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed 24
over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.
And Absalom made Amasa captain of the host instead of 25
Joab. This Amasa was the son of a man, whose name

was Ithra, an Israelite, that went in to Abigail the daughter
26 of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah Joab's mother. So Israel and
Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.
27 And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim,
that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children
of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar,
28 and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, brought beds, and
basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and
flour, and parched corn, and beans, and lentiles, and parched
29 pulse, and honey, and curds, and sheep, and cheese of kine,
for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat.
For they said, 'The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty,
'in the desert.'
1 And David mustered the people that were with him, and
set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over
2 them. And David sent forth a third part of the people
under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand
of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, and brother of Joab, and a
third part under the hand of Ittai the Gathite. And the
king said unto the people, 'I will surely go forth with you
3 'myself also.' But the people answered, 'Thou shalt not
'go forth. For if we flee away, they will not care about us;
'neither if half of us die, will they care about us. But now
'thou art worth ten thousand of us; therefore now it is
'better that thou succour us from out of the city' [of Maha-
4 naim]. And the king said unto them, 'What seemeth to
'you best I will do.' And the king stood by the side of the
city gate, and all the people came out by hundreds and by
5 thousands. And the king commanded Joab and Abishai
and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young
'man, even with Absalom.' And all the people heard when
the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.
6 So the people went out into the field against Israel; and
7 the battle was in the forest of Ephraim. And there the
people of Israel were slain before the servants of David,
and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty
8 thousand men. For the battle was there spread over the
face of all the country; and the forest devoured more peo-
ple that day than the sword devoured.
9 And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom
rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick
boughs of a great oak, and his head was caught in the oak,

and he was taken up between the heavens and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away. And a cer- 10
tain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, 'Behold, I saw
'Absalom hanged in an oak.' And Joab said unto the man 11
that told him, 'And, behold, thou sawest him, and why
'didst thou not smite him there to the ground? And I
'would have given thee ten pieces of silver, and a girdle.'
And the man said unto Joab, 'Though I should receive a 12
'thousand pieces of silver in mine hand, yet would I not
'put forth mine hand against the king's son. For in our
'hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, say-
'ing, Beware that none touch the young man Absalom.
'Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against mine 13
'own life. For there is no matter hid from the king, and
'thou thyself wouldest have set thyself against me.' Then 14
said Joab, 'I may not tarry thus with thee.' And he took
three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart
of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak.
And ten young men that bare Joab's armour surrounded 15
and smote Absalom, and slew him. And Joab blew the 16
trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel;
for Joab held back the people. And they took Absalom, 17
and cast him into a great pit in the forest, and laid a very
great heap of stones upon him. And all Israel fled every
one to his tent.

Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up 18
for himself a pillar, which is in the king's dale; for he said,
'I have no son to keep my name in remembrance.' And he
called the pillar after his own name. And it is called unto
this day, Absalom's monument.

Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, 'Let me now run, 19
'and bear the king tidings, how that Jehovah hath done
'him justice against the hand of his enemies.' And Joab 20
said unto him, 'Thou art not a man to bear tidings this
'day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day; but this day
'thou shalt not bear tidings, because it is that the king's
'son is dead.' Then said Joab to a Cushite [or Ethiopian], 21
'Go tell the king what thou hast seen.' And the Cushite
bowed himself unto Joab, and ran. Then said Ahimaaz 22
the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, 'But however, let me,
'I pray thee, also run after the Cushite.' And Joab said,
'Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast

'no fortunate tidings?' 'But however,' [said he,] 'let me
'run.' And he said unto him, 'Run.' Then Ahimaaz ran
by the way of the Circle of [the Jordan], and outran the
Cushite.

And David was sitting between the two city gates. And
the watchman went up to the roof over the city gate unto
the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a
man running alone. And the watchman cried, and told the
king. And the king said, 'If he be alone, there is tidings
'in his mouth.' And he came apace, and drew near. And
the watchman saw another man running. And the watch-
man called unto the door-keeper, and said, 'Behold a man
'running alone.' And the king said, 'He also bringeth
'tidings.' And the watchman said, 'Methinketh the run-
'ning of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the
'son of Zadok.' And the king said, 'He is a good man, and
'cometh with good tidings.' And Ahimaaz called, and said
unto the king, 'All is well.' And he bowed down to the
earth upon his face before the king, and said, 'Blessed be
'Jehovah thy God, who hath delivered up the men that
'lifted up their hands against my lord the king.' And the
king said, 'Is the young man Absalom safe?' And Ahi-
maaz answered, 'When Joab sent the king's servant, and
'me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what
'it was.' And the king said unto him, 'Turn aside, and
'stand here.' And he turned aside, and stood still. And,
behold, the Cushite came. And the Cushite said, 'Tidings,
'my lord the king. For Jehovah hath done thee justice this
'day against the hand of all them that rose up against thee.'
And the king said unto the Cushite, 'Is the young man
'Absalom safe?' And the Cushite answered, 'May the
'enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee
'to do thee hurt, be as that young man is.' And the king
was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the city
gate, and wept. And as he went, thus he said, 'O my son
'Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! O that I had died
'for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!'

And it was told Joab, 'Behold, the king weepeth and
'mourneth for Absalom.' And the victory that day was
turned into mourning unto all the people. For the people
heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son.
And the people got them by stealth that day into the city,

as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle. But the king covered his face, and the king cried with
a loud voice, 'O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my
'son!' And Joab came into the house to the king, and
said, 'Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy ser-
'vants, who this day have saved thy life, and the lives of
'thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives,
'and the lives of thy concubines; in that thou lovest those
'that hate thee, and hatest those that love thee. For thou
'hast declared this day, that thou hast neither princes nor
'servants. For this day I perceive, that if Absalom had
'lived, and all we had died this day, then it had been right
'in thine eyes. Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak
'to the heart of thy servants. For I swear by Jehovah, if
'thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this
'night. And that will be worse unto thee than all the evil
'that hath come upon thee from thy youth until now.'
Then the king arose, and sat at the city gate. And they
told unto all the people, saying, 'Behold, the king doth sit
'at the city gate.' And all the people came before the king.
For Israel had fled every man to his tent.

And all the people were quarrelling throughout all the
tribes of Israel, saying, 'The king saved us out of the hand
'of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the
'Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land for Absa-
'lom. And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead
'in battle. Now therefore why are ye silent about bring-
'ing the king back?' And king David sent to Zadok and
to Abiathar the priests, saying, 'Speak unto the elders of
'Judah, saying, Why are ye the last to bring the king back
'to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the
'king, even to his house. Ye are my brethren, ye are my
'bones and my flesh. Wherefore then are ye the last to
'bring back the king? And say ye to Amasa, Art thou
'not of my bone, and of my flesh? God do so to me, and
'more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me
'continually in the room of Joab.' And he turned the heart
of all the men of Judah, even as one man; so that they
sent this word unto the king, 'Return thou, and all thy
'servants.' So the king returned, and came to the Jordan.
And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over the Jordan.

16 And Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, who was of
Bahurim, hastened and came down with the men of Judah
17 to meet king David. And there were a thousand men of
Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of
Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him;
18 and they went over the Jordan before the king. And there
went over a ferry-boat to carry over the king's household,
and to do what was good in his eyes. And Shimei the son
of Gera fell down before the king, as he was come over the
19 Jordan. And he said unto the king, 'Let not my lord
'impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that
'which thy servant did perversely on the day that my lord
'the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take
20 'it to his heart. For thy servant doth know that I have
'sinned; therefore, behold, I am come the first this day of
'all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the
21 'king.' But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said,
'Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed
22 'the anointed of Jehovah?' And David said, 'What have
'I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this
'day be adversaries unto me? Shall any man be put to
'death this day in Israel? For do not I know that I am
23 'this day king over Israel?' Therefore the king said unto
Shimei, 'Thou shalt not die.' And the king sware unto
him.

24 And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet
the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his
beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king de-
25 parted until the day he came again in peace. And it came
to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king,
that the king said unto him, 'Wherefore wentest not thou
26 'with me, Mephibosheth?' And he answered, 'My lord,
'O king, my servant deceived me. For thy servant said,
'I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go
27 'with the king; because thy servant is lame. And he hath
'slandered thy servant unto my lord the king. But my
'lord the king is as an angel of God. Do therefore what is
28 'good in thine eyes. For all of my father's house were but
'dead men before my lord the king. Yet didst thou set
'thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table.
'What right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the
29 'king?' And the king said unto him, 'Why speakest thou

'any more of thy matters? I have said, Thou and Ziba
'divide the land.' And Mephibosheth said unto the king, 30
'Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is
'come again in peace unto his own house.'

And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, 31
and went over the Jordan with the king, to conduct him
over the Jordan. Now Barzillai was a very aged man, 32
even fourscore years old. And he had provided the king
with food while he lay at Mahanaim; for he was a very
great man. And the king said unto Barzillai, 'Come thou 33
'over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jeru-
'salem.' And Barzillai said unto the king, 'How many 34
'years have I to live, that I should go up with the king
'unto Jerusalem? I am this day fourscore years old; and 35
'can I discern between good and evil? Can thy servant
'taste what I eat or what I drink? Can I hear any more
'the voice of singing men and singing women? Where-
'fore then should thy servant be henceforth a burden unto
'my lord the king? Thy servant will go a little way over 36
'the Jordan with the king. And why should the king
'reward me for this with such a reward? Let thy servant, I 37
'pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city,
'by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold
'thy servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the
'king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee.'
And the king answered, 'Chimham shall go over with me, 38
'and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee;
'and whatsoever thou shalt require of me, that will I do for
'thee.' And all the people went over the Jordan. And 39
when the king was come over, the king kissed Barzillai, and
blessed him. And he returned unto his own place.

Then the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on 40
with him; and all the people of Judah conducted the king,
and also half the people of Israel. And, behold, all the men 41
of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, 'Why
'have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and
'have brought the king, and his household, and all David's
'men with him, over the Jordan?' And all the men of 42
Judah answered the men of Israel, 'Because the king is
'near of kin to us. And why are ye angry for this matter?
'Have we eaten at all of the king's cost? or hath he given
'us any gift?' And the men of Israel answered the men 43

of Judah, and said, 'We have ten parts in the king, and we 'have also more right in David than ye. Why then did 'ye despise us, that our advice should not be first had in 'bringing back our king?' And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

1 And there happened to be there a man of Belial [or wickedness], whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Jaminite [or Benjamite]. And he blew a trumpet, and said, 'We 'have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the
2 'son of Jesse; every man to his tents, O Israel.' So every man of Israel went up from following David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri. But the men of Judah clave unto their king, from the Jordan even to Jerusalem.

3 And David came to his house at Jerusalem. And the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to guard the house, and put them in a guard-house, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood.

4 Then said the king to Amasa, 'Call together unto me 'the men of Judah within three days, and be thou here
5 'present.' So Amasa went to call together Judah; but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed
6 him. And David said to Abishai, 'Now will Sheba the 'son of Bichri do us more harm than did Absalom. Take 'thou thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get
7 'for himself fenced cities, and escape from our eyes.' And there went out after him Joab's men, and the axe-bearers, and the runners, and all the warriors. And they went out of
8 Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri. When they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa came to meet them. And Joab had girded his garment that he had put on, and upon it was girded a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and as he went forth
9 it fell out. And Joab said to Amasa, 'Art thou in health, 'my brother?' And Joab took Amasa by the beard with
10 the right hand to kiss him. But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand. So he smote him therewith in the fifth rib, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and he died. And Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of
11 Bichri. And one of Joab's men stood by him, and said,

'He that favoureth Joab, and he that is for David, let him
'go after Joab.' And Amasa wallowed in blood in the 12
midst of the highway. And when the man saw that all
the people stood still, he removed Amasa out of the high-
way into the field, and cast a cloth upon him, when he saw
that every one that came by him stood still. When he 13
was removed out of the highway, every man went on after
Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

And [Sheba] went through all the tribes of Israel unto 14
Abel, and to Beth-maachah. And all the chosen men were
gathered together, and went also after him. And they came 15
and besieged him in Abel near Beth-maachah, and they
cast up a siege-mound against the city, and it stood against
the rampart. And all the people that were with Joab bat-
tered the wall, to throw it down. Then cried a wise woman 16
out of the city, 'Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab,
'Come near hither, that I may speak with thee.' And 17
when he was come near unto her, the woman said, 'Art
'thou Joab?' And he answered, 'I am he.' Then she said
unto him, 'Hear the words of thine handmaid.' And he
answered, 'I do hear.' Then she spake, saying, 'They were 18
'wont to speak in old times, saying, They shall surely ask
'at Abel; and so they ended a matter. We are peaceable 19
'and faithful in Israel; thou seekest to destroy a city and a
'mother in Israel. Why wilt thou swallow up the inherit-
'ance of Jehovah?' And Joab answered and said, 'Far be 20
'it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy.
'The matter is not so. But a man from the hill country 21
'of Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath lifted
'up his hand against the king, even against David. Deliver
'up him only, and I will depart from the city.' And the
woman said unto Joab, 'Behold, his head shall be thrown
'to thee over the wall.' Then the woman went unto all 22
the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of
Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast it out to Joab. And he
blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man
to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the
king.

Now Joab was over all the host of Israel; and Benaiah 23
the son of Jehoiada was over the Axe-bearers and over the
Runners; and Adoram was over the tribute; and Jeho- 24

25 shaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder; and Sheva was
26 scribe; and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests; and Ira
also the Jairite was a priest unto David.

1 Then there was a famine in the days of David for three
years, year after year; and David inquired of Jehovah.
And Jehovah answered, 'It is for Saul, and for his house
2 'of bloodshed, because he slew the Gibeonites.' And the
king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them; (now the
Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the
remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had
sworn unto them; but Saul sought to slay them in his
3 zeal for the children of Israel and Judah.) Wherefore David
said unto the Gibeonites, 'What shall I do for you? And
'wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless
4 'the inheritance of Jehovah?' And the Gibeonites said
unto him, 'We will have no silver nor gold from Saul, nor
'from his house; neither for us shalt thou kill any man in
'Israel.' And he said, 'What ye shall say, that will I do
5 'for you.' And they answered the king, 'The man that
'consumed us, and that devised against us that we should
'be destroyed from remaining within any of the boundaries
6 'of Israel, let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us,
'and we will impale them unto Jehovah, in Gibeah of
'Saul, the chosen of Jehovah.' And the king said, 'I will
7 'give them.' But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son
of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the oath of Jeho-
vah that was between them, between David and Jonathan
8 the son of Saul. But the king took the two sons of Rizpah
the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni
and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Michal [or Merab]
the daughter of Saul, whom she bare to Adriel the son of
9 Barzillai the Meholathite; and he delivered them into the
hands of the Gibeonites, and they impaled them on the
hill before Jehovah. And they fell all seven together, and
were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first [month],
10 in the beginning of the barley harvest. And Rizpah the
daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon
the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped
upon them out of the heavens, and she suffered neither the
birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the wild beasts
of the field by night.

11 And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah,

the concubine of Saul, had done. And David went and 12
took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son
from the men of Jabesh in Gilead, who had stolen them
from the broad place in Beth-shan, where the Philistines
had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in
Gilboa. And he brought up from thence the bones of 13
Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered
up the bones of them that were impaled. And the bones of 14
Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the land of Ben-
jamin, in Zelah, in the burial-place of Kish his father; and
they performed all that the king commanded. And after
that God was intreated for the land.

Moreover the Philistines had yet again war with Israel. 15
And David went down, and his servants with him, and
fought against the Philistines; and David waxed faint.
And Ishbi-benob, who was of the sons of the giant, the 16
weight of whose spear was three hundred [Shekels] of
copper in weight, he being girded with a new sword,
thought to have slain David. But Abishai the son of 17
Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed
him. Then the men of David sware unto him, saying,
'Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou
'quench not the lamp of Israel.'

And it came to pass after this, that there was again a 18
battle with the Philistines at Gob. Then Sibbechai the
Hushathite slew Saph, who was of the sons of the giant.
And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, 19
where Elhanan the son of Jaare, one of the weavers, a
Beth-lehemite, slew ~~[the brother of]~~ Goliath the Gathite,
the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. And 20
there was again a battle in Gath, where was a man of great
stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every
foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was
born to the giant. And when he defied Israel, Jonathan 21
the son of Shimeah the brother of David slew him. These 22
four were born to the giant in Gath, and they fell by the
hand of David, even by the hand of his servants.

And David spake unto Jehovah the words of this song 1
in the day that Jehovah had delivered him out of the hand
of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul. And he 2
said,

'Jehovah is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

3 'The God of my rock; in him will I trust;
'He is my shield, and the horn of my salvation,
'My high tower, and my refuge, my saviour;
'Thou savest me from violence.
4 'With praises I will call on Jehovah;
'So shall I be saved from mine enemies.
5 'When the waves of death encompassed me,
'The floods of wickedness made me afraid;
6 'The sorrows of hell encompassed me about;
'The snares of death were before me;
7 'In my distress I called upon Jehovah,
'And I called to my God; and he heard my voice out of his temple;
'And my cry did enter into his ears.
8 'Then the earth shook and trembled;
'The foundations of the heavens were disquieted,
'And they shook, because he was wroth.
9 'There went up a smoke out of his nostrils,
'And fire from his mouth devoured; coals were kindled by it.
10 'He bowed the heavens also, and came down;
'And darkness was under his feet.
11 'And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly;
'And he was seen upon the wings of the wind.
12 'And he made darkness pavilions round about him,
'Waters, the gatherings of thick clouds of the skies.
13 'At the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled.
14 'Jehovah thundered from the heavens,
'And the Most High uttered his voice.
15 'And he sent out arrows, and scattered them;
'Lightning, and he discomfited them.
16 'And the channels of the sea were seen,
'The foundations of the world were laid bare,
'At the rebuke of Jehovah, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.
17 'He stretched forth from above, he took me;
'He raised me up out of great waters;
18 'He delivered me from my strong enemy,
'From them that hated me, who were too strong for me.
19 'They came against me in the day of my calamity;
'But Jehovah was my support.
20 'He brought me forth also into open space;

'He delivered me, because he delighted in me.
'Jehovah rewarded me according to my righteousness; 21
'According to the cleanness of my hands he recompensed me.
'For I have kept the ways of Jehovah, 22
'And have not wickedly departed from my God.
'For all his judgments were before me; 23
'And as for his statutes, I did not depart from them.
'I was also upright before him, 24
'And I have kept myself from mine iniquity.
'And Jehovah rewarded me according to my righteousness; 25
'According to my cleanness in the sight of his eyes.
'With the merciful thou shewest thyself merciful, 26
'And with the upright man thou shewest thyself upright.
'With the pure thou shewest thyself pure; 27
'And with the froward thou shewest thyself perverse.
'And the afflicted people thou savest; 28
'But thine eyes are upon the haughty, to bring them down.
'For thou art my lamp, O Jehovah; 29
'And Jehovah will enlighten my darkness.
'For by thee I have run through a troop; 30
'By my God have I leaped over a wall.
'As for God, his way is perfect; 31
'The word of Jehovah is tried;
'He is a shield to all them that trust in him.
'For who is God, save Jehovah? 32
'And who is a rock, save our God?
'God is my strength and power; 33
'And he sheweth to the perfect his path.
'He maketh my feet like hinds' feet; 34
'And maketh me to stand upon my high places.
'He teacheth my hands to war; 35
'So that a bow of copper is bent by mine arms.
'Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation; 36
'And thy gentleness hath made me great.
'Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; 37
'So that my ankles did not slip.
'I pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; 38
'And I turned not again until I had consumed them.
'And I consumed them, and wounded them, 39
'That they rise not; yea, they are fallen under my feet.
'For thou didst gird me with strength for battle; 40

'Them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me.
41 'Thou also gavest me the necks of mine enemies,
'That I might destroy them that hate me.
42 'They looked for help, but there was none to save;
'Even unto Jehovah, but he answered them not.
43 'Then I beat them small as the dust of the earth,
'I stamped on them, I beat them down as the mire of the street.
44 'Thou also deliveredst me from the strivings of my people,
'Thou hast kept me to be the head of the Nations;
'A people which I know not shall serve me.
45 'Sons of the stranger fawn before me;
'As soon as the ear heareth, they are obedient unto me.
46 'Sons of the stranger shrink away,
'And they gird themselves within their close places.
47 'Jehovah liveth; and blessed be my rock;
'And exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation.
48 'It is God that giveth me vengeance,
'And that bringeth down the people under me,
49 'And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies.
'Thou also liftest me above them that rise up against me;
'Thou hast delivered me from the man of violence.
50 'Therefore I will praise thee, Jehovah, among the Nations,
'And I will sing praises unto thy name.
51 'He is the tower of salvation for his king;
'And sheweth kindness to his anointed,
'Unto David, and to his seed for evermore.'

1 Now these are the last words of David. David the son of Jesse hath said it, and the man who was raised up on high hath said it, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and sweet psalmist of Israel.
2 'The Spirit of Jehovah spake by me,
'And his word was on my tongue.
3 'The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me,
'A ruler over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.
4 'And he shall be as the light of the morning,
'When the sun riseth, in a morning without clouds;
'As the grass springing out of the earth
'By sunshine after rain.
5 'Although my house be not right with God;

'Yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant,
'Ordered in all things, and sure.
'For this is all my salvation, and all my desire,
'Although he make it not to grow.
'But all the wicked shall be as thorns thrust away, 6
'Because they cannot be taken hold of with the hands;
'But the man that shall touch them 7
'Must be armed with iron and the staff of a spear;
'And they shall be utterly burned with fire in their place.'

These are the names of the mighty men whom David had; 8
Josheb-bassebet, the Tachmonite, head of the Chiefs of three
[or chariot-warriors]; he [lifted up his spear] against eight
hundred, whom he slew at one time. And after him was 9
Eleazar the son of Dodo the son of Ahohi, one of the three
warriors with David, when they defied the Philistines that
were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel
were gone away; he arose, and smote the Philistines until his 10
hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword. And
Jehovah wrought a great salvation that day; and the people
returned after him only to spoil. And after him was Sham- 11
mah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were
gathered together into a troop, where there was a piece of
ground full of lentiles. And the people fled from the Phi-
listines. But he stood in the midst of the piece of ground, 12
and defended it, and slew the Philistines. And Jehovah
wrought a great salvation. And three of the thirty chiefs 13
went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the
cave near Adullam; and the troop of the Philistines pitched
in the Valley of the Giants. And David was then in a 14
stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in
Beth-lehem. And David longed, and said, 'Oh that one 15
'would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem,
'which is by the city gate!' And the three warriors brake 16
through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water out of
the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the city gate, and took
it, and brought it to David. Nevertheless he would not
drink thereof, but poured it out unto Jehovah. And he said, 17
'It were wrong for me, O Jehovah, that I should do this.
'Is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of
'their lives?' Therefore he would not drink it. These
things did these three warriors.

And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, 18

was a chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, and slew them, and had the name among
19 three. Was he not most honourable of three? therefore he was their captain. Howbeit he attained not unto the [first] three.
20 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two lion-like men of Moab. He went down also and slew a lion
21 in the midst of a pit in the time of snow. And he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man. And the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a stick, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him
22 with his own spear. These things did Benaiah the son of
23 Jehoiada, and had a name among the three warriors. He was honourable among the thirty, but he attained not to the [first] three. And David set him over his council.
24 Among the thirty were Asahel the brother of Joab,—
25 Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem,—Shammah the
26 Harodite,—Elika the Harodite,—Helez the Paltite,—Ira
27 the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,—Abiezer the Anethothite,
28 —Mebunnai the Hushathite,—Zalmon the Ahohite,—Ma-
29 harai the Netophathite,—Heleb the son of Baanah the Netophathite,—Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah of the
30 children of Benjamin,—Benaiah the Pirathonite,—Hiddai
31 of the brooks of Gaash,—Abi-albon the Arbathite,—Azma-
32 veth the Barhumite,—Eliahba the Shaalbonite,—of the sons
33 of Jashen, Jonathan,—Shammah the Hararite,—Ahiam the
34 son of Sharar the Hararite,—Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maachathite,—Eliam the son of Ahithophel
35 the Gilonite,—Hezrai the Carmelite,—Paarai the Arbite,—
36 Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah,—Bani the Gadite,—
37 Zelek the Ammonite,—Nahari the Beerothite, armour-
38 bearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah,—Ira the Ithrite,—
39 Gareb the Ithrite,—Uriah the Hittite; thirty and seven in all.
11 And again the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, 'Go, num-
12 'ber Israel and Judah.' For the king said to Joab the captain of the forces that were with him, 'Go now through 'all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and 'register ye the people, that I may know the number of
13 'the people.' And Joab said unto the king, 'Now may

'Jehovah thy God add unto the people, how many soever
'they be, an hundred-fold, and that the eyes of my lord the
'king may see it. But why doth my lord the king delight
'in this thing?' Notwithstanding, the king's word pre- 4
vailed against Joab, and against the captains of the forces.
And Joab and the captains of the forces went out from the
presence of the king, to register the people of Israel.

And they passed over the Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, 5
on the right [or south] side of the city that lieth in the
midst of the valley of Gad, and toward Jazer. Then they 6
came to Gilead, and to the land of the Lower-Hodeshites;
and they came to Dan-jaan, and passed round to Zidon, and 7
came to the stronghold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the
Hivites, and of the Canaanites; and they went out to the
South country of Judah, even to Beer-sheba. So when they 8
had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at
the end of nine months and twenty days. And Joab gave 9
up the sum of the register of the people unto the king.
And there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant
men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five
hundred thousand men.

And David's heart smote him after that he had num- 10
bered the people. And David said unto Jehovah, 'I have
'sinned greatly in what I have done. And now, I beseech
'thee, O Jehovah, take away the iniquity of thy servant;
'for I have done very foolishly.' For when David was up 11
in the morning, the word of Jehovah came unto the pro-
phet Gad, David's seer, saying, 'Go and say unto David, 12
'Thus saith Jehovah, I offer thee three things; choose for
'thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.' So Gad 13
came to David, and told him, and said unto him, 'Shall
'seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? Or
'wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while
'they pursue thee? Or that there be three days' pestilence
'in thy land? Now advise, and see what answer I shall
'return to Him that sent me.' And David said unto Gad, 14
'I am in a great strait. Let us fall now into the hand of
'Jehovah; for his mercies are many; and let me not fall
'into the hand of man.'

So Jehovah sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morn- 15
ing even to the time appointed; and there died of the peo-
ple from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy thousand men.

16 And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, Jehovah repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that was destroying the people, 'It is 'enough. Stay now thine hand.' And the angel of Jehovah was by the threshing-place of Araunah the Jebusite.
17 And David spake unto Jehovah when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, 'Lo, I have sinned, and I have 'done wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? 'Let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against 'my father's house.'
18 And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, 'Go up, rear an altar unto Jehovah on the threshing-floor
19 'of Araunah the Jebusite.' And David, according to the
20 saying of Gad, went up as Jehovah commanded. And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him. And Araunah went out, and bowed him-
21 self before the king on his face upon the ground. And Araunah said, 'Wherefore is my lord the king come to his 'servant?' And David said, 'To buy the threshing-floor of 'thee, to build an altar unto Jehovah, that the plague may
22 'be stayed from the people.' And Araunah said unto David, 'Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good 'unto him. Behold, here are oxen for burnt offering, and 'threshing instruments and instruments of the oxen for
23 'wood.' All these things did Araunah, as a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, 'May Jeho-
24 'vah thy God accept thee.' And the king said unto Araunah, 'Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price; nei-'ther will I offer burnt offerings unto Jehovah my God of 'that which doth cost me nothing.' So David bought the
25 threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty Shekels of silver. And David built there an altar unto Jehovah, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So Jehovah was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS.

1 NOW king David was old and stricken in years; and they
2 covered him with clothes, but he got no heat. Wherefore his servants said unto him, 'Let there be sought for 'my lord the king a young woman, a maiden; and let her

'stand before the king, and let her be a companion to
'him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king
'may get heat.' So they sought for a fair young woman 3
throughout all the boundaries of Israel, and found Abishag
a Shunammite, and brought her to the king. And the 4
young woman was very fair, and she was a companion to
the king, and ministered to him; but the king knew her
not.

Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, say- 5
ing, 'I will be king.' And he prepared for himself chariots
and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. And his 6
father had not blamed him at any time in saying, 'Why hast
'thou done so?' And he also was of a very handsome figure;
and his mother bare him after Absalom. And he took 7
counsel with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar
the priest; and they following Adonijah helped him. But 8
Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and
Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the warriors
who belonged to David, were not with Adonijah. And 9
Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone
of Zoheleth, which is by Ain-rogel, and called all his bre-
thren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's
servants. But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the 10
warriors, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of 11
Solomon, saying, 'Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the
'son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth
'it not? Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give 12
'thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the
'life of thy son Solomon. Go and get thee in unto king 13
'David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O
'king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solo-
'mon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my
'throne? Why then doth Adonijah reign? Behold, while 14
'thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in
'after thee, and confirm thy words.'

And Bath-sheba went in unto the king into the chamber. 15
And the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite
ministered unto the king. And Bath-sheba bowed, and 16
did reverence unto the king. And the king said, 'What
'wouldest thou?' And she said unto him, 'My lord, thou 17
'swarest by Jehovah thy God unto thine handmaid, saying,

'Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he
18 'shall sit upon my throne. And now, behold, Adonijah
'reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest it
19 'not. And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in
'abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and
'Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host; but
20 'Solomon thy servant hath he not called. And thou, my
'lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that
'thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne
21 'of my lord the king after him. Otherwise it shall come
'to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers,
'that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders.'
22 And lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the
23 prophet also came in. And they told the king, saying,
'Behold Nathan the prophet.' And when he was come in
before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his
24 face to the ground. And Nathan said, 'My lord, O king,
'hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall
25 'sit upon my throne? For he is gone down this day, and
'hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance,
'and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of
'the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat
'and drink before him, and say, May king Adonijah live.
26 'But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and
'Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon,
27 'hath he not called. Is this thing done by my lord the king,
'and thou hast not shewed unto thy servant who should
28 'sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?' Then
king David answered and said, 'Call to me Bath-sheba.'
And she came into the king's presence, and stood before
29 the king. And the king sware, and said, 'As Jehovah
30 'liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all distress, even
'as I sware unto thee by Jehovah the God of Israel, say-
'ing, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and
'he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I
31 'certainly do this day.' Then Bath-sheba bowed with her
face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said,
32 'May my lord king David live for ever.' And king David
said, 'Call to me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet,
'and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada.' And they came before
33 the king. The king also said unto them, 'Take with you
'the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to

'ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon.
'And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint 34
'him there to be king over Israel. And blow ye with the
'trumpet, and say, May king Solomon live. Then ye shall 35
'come up after him, and he shall come and sit upon my
'throne; for he shall be king in my stead; and I have
'appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.'
And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and 36
said, 'Amen; may Jehovah the God of my lord the king
'say so too. As Jehovah hath been with my lord the king, 37
'even so may he be with Solomon, and make his throne
'greater than the throne of my lord king David.'

So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Be- 38
naiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Axe-bearers, and the
Runners, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon
king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. And 39
Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the Tent, and
anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all
the people said, 'May king Solomon live.' And all the 40
people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes,
and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth was rent with
the sound of them.

And Adonijah and all the guests that were with him heard 41
it as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard
the sound of the trumpet, he said, 'Wherefore is this noise
'of the city being in an uproar?' And while he yet spake, 42
behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came. And
Adonijah said unto him, 'Come in; for thou art a man of
'valour, and bringest good tidings.' And Jonathan an- 43
swered and said to Adonijah, 'Verily our lord king David
'hath made Solomon king. And the king hath sent with 44
'him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Be-
'naiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Axe-bearers, and the
'Runners, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's
'mule. And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet 45
'have anointed him to be king in Gihon. And they are
'come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city is in an
'uproar. This is the noise that ye have heard. And also 46
'Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom. And more- 47
'over the king's servants came to bless our lord king David,
'saying, May God make the name of Solomon better than
'thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne.

48 'And the king bowed himself upon the bed. And also
'thus said the king, Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel,
'who hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine
49 'eyes even seeing it.' And all the guests that were with
Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man
his way.

50 And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and
51 went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. And it
was told Solomon, saying, 'Behold, Adonijah feareth king
'Solomon. For, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of
'the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to-day
52 'that he will not slay his servant with the sword.' And
Solomon said, 'If he will be a worthy man, there shall not
'an hair of him fall to the earth. But if wickedness shall
53 'be found in him, he shall die.' So king Solomon sent,
and they brought him down from the altar. And he came
and bowed himself to king Solomon; and Solomon said
unto him, 'Go to thine house.'

1 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and
2 he charged Solomon his son, saying, 'I go the way of all the
3 'earth; be thou strong therefore, and be a man; and keep
'the charge of Jehovah thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep
'his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments,
'and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses,
'that thou mayest do wisely in all that thou doest, and whi-
4 'thersoever thou turnest thyself; so that Jehovah may esta-
'blish his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy
'children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth
'with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not
5 'fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel. Moreover
'thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to
'me, and what he did to the two captains of the hosts of
'Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the
'son of Jether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war
'in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that
'was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet.
6 'Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his
7 'hoary head go down to the grave in peace. But shew kind-
'ness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them
'be among those that eat at thy table; for so they came to
8 'me when I fled from before Absalom thy brother. And,
'behold, thou hast with thee Shimei the son of Gera, a

'Benjamite, of Bahurim, who cursed me with a violent
'curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim. But he
'came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I sware to him
'by Jehovah, saying, I will not put thee to death with the
'sword. Now therefore hold him not guiltless; for thou art 9
'a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto
'him; and his hoary head bring thou down to the grave
'with blood.'

So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the 10
city of David. And the days that David reigned over 11
Israel were forty years. Seven years reigned he in Hebron,
and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

Then sat SOLOMON upon the throne of David his father 12
[in B.C. 1011]; and his kingdom was established greatly.
And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the 13
mother of Solomon. And she said, 'Comest thou peaceably?'
And he said, 'Peaceably.' He said moreover, 'I have somewhat 14
'to say unto thee.' And she said, 'Say on.' And he said, 'Thou 15
'knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set
'their faces on me, that I should reign. Howbeit the king-
'dom is turned about, and is become my brother's; for it
'was his from Jehovah. And now I ask one petition of thee, 16
'deny me not.' And she said unto him, 'Say on.' And 17
he said, 'Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he
'will not say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shu-
'nammite to wife.' And Bath-sheba said, 'Well; I will 18
'speak for thee unto the king.' Bath-sheba therefore went 19
unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And
the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her,
and sat down on his throne, and caused a throne to be set
for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand. Then 20
she said, 'I desire one small petition of thee; say me not
'nay.' And the king said unto her, 'Ask on, my mother,
'for I will not say thee nay.' And she said, 'Let Abishag 21
'the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to
'wife.' And king Solomon answered and said unto his 22
mother, 'And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite
'for Adonijah? Ask for him the kingdom also; (for he
'is mine elder brother;) even for him, and for Abiathar
'the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.' Then king 23
Solomon sware by Jehovah, saying, 'God do so to me,
'and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word

'against his own life. Now therefore, as Jehovah liveth,
'who hath established me, and made me sit on the throne
'of David my father, and who hath made for me an house,
'as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.'
And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of
Jehoiada. And he fell upon him that he died. And unto
Abiathar the priest said the king, 'Get thee to Anathoth,
'unto thine own fields; for thou art worthy of death. But
'I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou
'didst bear the Ark of the Lord Jehovah before David my
'father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein
'my father was afflicted.' So Solomon thrust out Abiathar
from being priest unto Jehovah; that he might fulfil the
word of Jehovah, which he spake concerning the house of
Eli in Shiloh.

Then tidings came to Joab; for Joab had turned after
Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab
fled unto the Tent of Jehovah, and caught hold on the horns
of the altar. And it was told king Solomon that Joab was
fled unto the Tent of Jehovah; and, behold, he is by the
altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada,
saying, 'Go, fall upon him.' And Benaiah came to the
Tent of Jehovah, and said unto him, 'Thus saith the king,
'Come forth.' And he said, 'Nay; but I will die here.'
And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, 'Thus
'said Joab, and thus he answered me.' And the king said
unto him, 'Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury
'him; that thou mayest take away the innocent blood,
'which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my
'father. And Jehovah will return his blood upon his own
'head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better
'than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David
'not knowing thereof, to wit, Abner the son of Ner, captain
'of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain
'of the host of Judah. Their blood shall therefore return
'upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for
'ever; but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his
'house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace for ever
'from Jehovah.' So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up,
and fell upon him, and slew him. And he was buried in
his own house in the desert. And the king put Benaiah

the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host; and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar.

And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, 'Build for thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, 36
'and go not forth thence any whither. For it shall be, that 37
'on the day thou goest out, and passest over the valley of 'the Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt 'surely die; thy blood shall be upon thine own head.' And 38
Shimei said unto the king, 'The saying is good. As my 'lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do.' And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days. And it came to 39
pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, 'Behold, thy servants are in 'Gath.' And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went 40
to Gath to Achish to seek his servants. And Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath. And it was told 41
Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and was come again. And the king sent and called for Shimei, 42
and said unto him, 'Did I not make thee to swear by Jeho-'vah, and protested unto thee, saying, Know for certain, 'that on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any 'whither, thou shalt surely die? And thou saidst unto 'me, The word that I have heard is good. Why then hast 43
'thou not kept the oath of Jehovah, and the command that 'I charged thee with?' The king said moreover to Shimei, 44
'Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy 'to, that thou didst to David my father. Therefore Jeho-'vah returneth thy wickedness upon thine own head; and 45
'king Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David 'shall be established before Jehovah for ever.' So the king 46
commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; who went out, and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

And Solomon joined himself by marriage to Pharaoh 1
king of ~~Lower~~ Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the House of Jehovah, and the wall of Jerusalem round about. As yet the people 2
had sacrificed on High Places, because there was no House built unto the name of Jehovah, until those days. And 3

Solomon loved Jehovah, walking in the statutes of David his father; as yet he sacrificed and burnt incense on High
4 Places. And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great High Place. A thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

5 In Gibeon Jehovah appeared to Solomon in a dream by
6 night. And God said, 'Ask what I shall give thee.' And Solomon said, 'Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David 'my father great kindness, according as he walked before 'thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of 'heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great 'kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his
7 'throne, as it is this day. And now, O Jehovah my God, 'thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my 'father; and I am but a little child; I know not how to go
8 'out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy 'people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot
9 'be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore 'thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, 'that I may discern between good and bad. For who is
10 'able to judge this thy so great people?' And the speech was good in the eyes of Jehovah, that Solomon had asked
11 this thing. And God said unto him, 'Because thou hast 'asked this thing and hast not asked for thyself length of 'days; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked 'the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself under-
12 'standing to discern judgment; behold, I have done accord-'ing to thy words; lo, I have given thee a wise and an 'understanding heart, so that there was none like thee be-'fore thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.
13 'And I have also given thee that which thou hast not 'asked, both riches and honour; so that there shall not be
14 'a man among the kings like unto thee all thy days. And 'if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and 'my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I
15 'will lengthen thy days.' And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a drinking feast to all his servants.

16 Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the

king, and stood before him. And the one woman said, 'O 17
'my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was
'delivered of a child with her in the house. And it came 18
'to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this
'woman was delivered also. And we were together; there
'was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the
'house. And this woman's child died in the night; because 19
'she overlaid it. And she arose at midnight, and took my 20
'son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid
'it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.
'And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, 21
'behold, it was dead. But when I had considered it in the
'morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.'
And the other woman said, 'Nay; but the living is my 22
'son, and the dead is thy son.' And this said, 'No; but
'the dead is thy son, and the living is my son.' Thus they
spake before the king. Then said the king, 'The one saith, 23
'This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead. And
'the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son
'is the living.' And the king said, 'Bring me a sword.' 24
And they brought a sword before the king. And the king 25
said, 'Divide the living child in two, and give half to the
'one, and half to the other.' Then spake the woman whose 26
the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned
upon her son, and she said, 'O my lord, give her the living
'child, and in no wise slay it.' But the other said, 'Let it
'be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.' Then the king 27
answered and said, 'Give her the living child, and in no
'wise slay it; she is the mother thereof.' And all Israel 28
heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and
they feared the king; for they saw that the wisdom of God
was in him, to do judgment.

So king Solomon was king over all Israel. And these 1
were the princes which he had, 2

Azariah the son of Zadok was the Priest.
Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, were the scribes. 3
Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder.
And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the host. 4
And Zadok and Abiathar were the priests.
And Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers. 5
And Zabud the son of Nathan was the priest, the king's
friend.

6 And Ahishar was over the household.
And Adoniram the son of Abda was over the tribute.
7 And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, who provided victuals for the king and his household; each
8 man his month in a year provided victuals. And these are the names.
The son of Hur, in the hill country of Ephraim.
9 The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and Elon near Beth-hanan.
10 The son of Hesed, in Aruboth; to him belonged Sochoh, and all the land of Hepher.
11 The son of Abinadab, in all the Heights of Dor. He had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife.
12 Baana the son of Ahilud; to him belonged Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean, which is by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, even unto the further side of Jokneam.
13 The son of Geber, in Ramoth in Gilead; to him belonged the Hamlets of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; to him also belonged the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls and gate-bars of copper.
14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo had Mahanaim.
15 Ahimaaz was in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife.
16 Baanah the son of Hushai was in Asher and in Aloth.
17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar.
18 Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin.
19 Geber the son of Uri was in the country of Gilead, in the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan. And he was the only officer that was in the land.
20 Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.
21 And Solomon had sway over all kingdoms from the River [Euphrates] unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the boundary of Lower Egypt. They brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.
22 And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty Cors [each 75 gallons] of fine flour, and threescore Cors of meal,
23 ten fatted oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallow-

deer, and fatted fowl. For he had dominion over all the 24
region on this side the River [Euphrates], from Tiphsah
even to Gaza, over all the kings on this side the River.
And he had peace on all sides round about him. And 25
Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine
and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the
days of Solomon.

And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his 26
chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. And those officers 27
provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came
unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month. They
lacked nothing. Barley also and straw for the horses and 28
dromedaries brought they unto the place where they were;
every man according to his charge.

And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding ex- 29
ceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that
is on the sea shore. And Solomon's wisdom excelled the 30
wisdom of all the children of the East country, and all the
wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men; than 31
Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda,
the sons of Mahol. And his name was in all nations round
about. And he spake three thousand proverbs; and his 32
songs were a thousand and five. And he spake of trees, 33
from the cedar tree that is on Lebanon even unto the hyssop
that springeth out of the wall. He spake also of beasts,
and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes. And 34
there came some of all people to hear the wisdom of Solo-
mon, from all kings of the earth that had heard of his
wisdom.

And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; 1
for he had heard that they had anointed him to be king
in the room of his father; for Hiram was ever a lover of
David. And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, 'Thou know- 2
'est how that David my father could not build an house 3
'unto the name of Jehovah his God for the wars which
'were about him on every side, until Jehovah put them
'under the soles of his feet. But now Jehovah my God 4
'hath given me rest on every side; there is neither adver-
'sary nor evil opposer. And, behold, I purpose to build an 5
'house unto the name of Jehovah my God, as Jehovah
'spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I
'will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an

'house unto my name. Now therefore command thou that
'they hew for me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my
'servants shall be with thy servants; and unto thee will
'I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou
'shalt say; for thou knowest that there is not among us
'any that hath skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.'
7 And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of
Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, 'Blessed be
'Jehovah this day, who hath given unto David a wise son
8 'over this great people.' And Hiram sent to Solomon,
saying, 'I have heard what thou sentest to me for; and I
'will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and con-
9 'cerning timber of fir. My servants shall bring them down
'from Lebanon unto the sea; and I will convey them by
'sea as floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me,
'and I will take them to pieces there, and thou shalt re-
'ceive them. And then thou shalt accomplish my desire,
10 'in giving food for my household.' So Hiram gave Solo-
mon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire.
11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand Cors of wheat
for food to his household, and twenty Cors of beaten oil.
12 Thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year. And Jehovah
gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him; and there was
peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a
league together.
13 And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and
14 the levy was thirty thousand men. And he sent them to
Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses. A month they
were in Lebanon, and two months at home. And Adoniram
15 was over the levy. And Solomon had threescore and
ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand
16 hewers in the mountains, beside the captains of Solomon's
officers who were over the work, three thousand and three
hundred, who ruled over the people that wrought in the
17 work. And the king commanded, and they brought great
stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foun-
18 dation of the House. And Solomon's builders, and Hiram's
builders, and the men of Gebal [or Byblus], did hew them.
So they prepared timber and stones to build the House.
1 And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth
year after the children of Israel were come out of the land
of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel

[in A.M. 3148 and in B.C. 1008], in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the HOUSE OF JEHOVAH. And the House which king Solomon built for 2
Jehovah, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits. And the porch before the Great Hall of the House, 3
twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the House; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the House. And for the House he made 4
windows with lattices that could be closed.

And against the wall of the house he built TIERS OF 5
CHAMBERS round about the walls of the house, round about both the Great Hall and the Place of the Oracle; and he made side-chambers round about. The nethermost tier of 6
chambers was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad; for on the outside of the House he made narrowed rests round about, so that nothing should be fastened into the walls of the House. And the House, when it was in building, was 7
built of stone made ready before it was brought thither; so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the House, while it was in building. The 8
entrance for the middle side-chamber was in the right side of the House; and they went up with winding stairs into the middle [tier], and out of the middle into the third. So he built the House, and finished it; and panelled the 9
House, the vault-beams, and the boards, with cedar. And 10
he built the tiers of chambers against all the House, five cubits high; and they rested on the House with timbers of cedar.

And the word of Jehovah came to Solomon, saying, 'Con- 11
'cerning this House which thou art building, if thou wilt 12
'walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep
'all my commandments to walk in them; then will I per-
'form my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy
'father; and I will dwell among the children of Israel, and 13
'will not forsake my people Israel.'

So Solomon built the House, and finished it. And he 14
built the walls of the House within with beams of cedar, 15
both the floor of the House, and the walls of the ceiling; and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the House with planks of fir. And he built 16

[a room of] twenty cubits on to the back of the House, both its floor and its walls with beams of cedar; he even built them on to it behind, for the Place of the Oracle, even for
17 the Holy of Holies. And the House, that is the Great Hall,
18 the fore-part of it, was forty cubits long. And the cedar of the House within was carved with gourds and open flowers. All was cedar; there was no stone seen.
19 And THE PLACE OF THE ORACLE he prepared in the House behind, to set there the Ark of the Covenant of
20 Jehovah. And the Place of the Oracle in the fore-part was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof. And he overlaid it with pure gold; and so overlaid the altar which was of
21 cedar. So Solomon overlaid the House within with pure gold. And he made a partition by the chains of gold before
22 the Place of the Oracle; and he overlaid it with gold. And the whole House he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the House. Also the whole altar that was at the Place of the Oracle he overlaid with gold.
23 And within the Place of the Oracle he made TWO CHERUBS
24 of olive wood, each ten cubits high. And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub; from the uttermost part of the one wing
25 unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits. And the other cherub was ten cubits; both the cherubs were of
26 one measure and one shape. The height of the one cherub
27 was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub. And he set the cherubs within the inner room. And they stretched forth the wings of the cherubs, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched
28 one another in the midst of the House. And he overlaid
29 the cherubs with gold. And he carved all the walls of the House round about with carved figures of cherubs and palm trees and open flowers, in the inner and in the outer room.
30 And the floor of the House he overlaid with gold, in the inner and in the outer room.
31 And for the entrance of the Place of the Oracle he made doors of olive wood; the lintel over the door-posts was a
32 fifth part [of the wall.] The two doors also were of olive wood; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubs and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold,

and spread gold upon the cherubs, and upon the palm trees.
So also made he for the entrance of the Great Hall door- 33
posts of olive wood, a fourth part [of the wall]. And the 34
two doors were of fir wood. There were two folding leaves
to the one door, and two folding leaves to the other door.
And he carved thereon cherubs and palm trees and open 35
flowers; and covered them with gold fitted upon the carved
work.

And he built the INNER COURT with three rows of hewed 36
stone, and a row of cedar rails.

In the fourth year was the foundation of the House of 37
Jehovah laid, in the month Zif; and in the eleventh year 38
[in B.C. 1001], in the month Bul, which is the eighth
month, was the House finished throughout all the parts
thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he
seven years in building it.

And Solomon was building HIS OWN HOUSE thirteen years, 1
and he finished all his house.

And he built the HOUSE OF THE FOREST OF LEBANON. 2
The length thereof was an hundred cubits, and the breadth
thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits,
upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the
pillars. And it was panelled with cedar above upon the 3
beams, that lay on forty-five pillars, fifteen in a row. And 4
there were lattice-windows in three rows; and light was
against light in three ranks. And all the openings and 5
side-posts were squared with the lattice-windows; and light
was against light in three ranks. And he made a porch of 6
pillars. The length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth
thereof thirty cubits. And the porch was before those, and
the pillars and the thick beam were before those [of the
house].

Then he made the PORCH OF THE THRONE where he might 7
judge, even the porch of judgment. And it was panelled
with cedar from the floor to the roof. And his house where 8
he dwelt had a COURT IN THE REAR, from the house to this
porch, which was of the like work.

Solomon made also an HOUSE FOR PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER,
whom he had taken to wife, like unto this porch.

All these were of costly stones, according to the measures 9
of the hewed stones, sawed with saws, within and without,
even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the

10 outside toward the GREAT COURT. And the foundation was
of costly stones. The great stones were stones of ten cubits,
11 and stones of eight cubits. And on the upper surface were
costly stones, after the measures of the hewed stones, and
12 cedars. And the Great Court was inclosed with three rows
of hewed stones, and a row of cedar rails, both toward the
Inner Court of the House of Jehovah, and toward the Porch
of the House.

13 And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre.
14 He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his
father was a man of Tyre, a worker in copper; and he was
filled with wisdom, and understanding, and with know-
ledge to work all works in copper. And he came to king
15 Solomon, and wrought all his work. And he cast TWO PIL-
LARS of copper. Eighteen cubits was the height of each pil-
lar; and a line of twelve cubits did encompass either of the
16 two pillars about. And he made two capitals of molten
copper, to set upon the tops of the pillars. The height of
the one capital was five cubits, and the height of the other
17 capital was five cubits; and trellises of checker work, and
wreaths of chain work, for the capitals which were upon
the top of the pillars, seven for the one capital, and seven
18 for the other capital. And he made the pillars, and two
rows round about upon the one trellis-work, to cover the
capital that was upon the top, with pomegranates; and so
19 did he for the other capital. And the capitals that were
upon the top of the pillars in the Porch were of lily work,
20 four cubits. And the capitals upon the two pillars [had
pomegranates] also above, over against the round moulding
which was beyond the trellis-work; and the pomegranates
were two hundred in rows round about upon each of the
21 two capitals. And he set up the pillars in the porch of
the Great Hall [of the temple]; and he set up the right
pillar, and called the name thereof Jachin; and he set up
22 the left pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz. And upon
the top of the pillars was lily work; so was the work of the
pillars finished.

23 And he made a molten WATER-CISTERN, of ten cubits
from brim to brim. It was round all about, and its height
was five cubits. And a line of thirty cubits did encompass
24 it round about. And under the brim of it round about
there were gourds encompassing it, ten in a cubit, encircling

the Water-cistern round about in two rows. The gourds were cast in moulds. It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east. And the Water-cistern was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward. And it was an hand breadth [or three inches] thick; and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of the cup of the flower of a lily. It contained two thousand Baths [or 15,000 gallons].

And he made TEN BASIN-STANDS of copper; four cubits was the length of one Basin-stand, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it. And the work of the Basin-stands was on this manner. They had panels, and the panels were between joinings. And on the panels that were between the joinings were lions, oxen, and cherubs. And thus also it was upon the top above the joinings. And beneath the lions and oxen were garlands made of hanging work. And every Basin-stand had four copper wheels, and axles of copper. And the four corners thereof were their supports. Under the basin [or laver] were molten supports, at the side of every garland. And the mouth of it within the top ledge and above was a cubit; but the mouth of the ring with the work of the Basin-stand was a cubit and a half. And also upon the mouth of it were gravings with their panels, four-square, not round. And under the panels were four wheels; and the axle-trees of the wheels were fixed in the Basin-stand. And the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit. And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel; their axle-trees, and their naves, and their circles, and their spokes, were all molten. And there were four supports to the four corners of each Basin-stand; and the supports were part of the Basin-stand itself. And on the top of the Basin-stand was there an encompassing ring of half a cubit high. And on the top of the Basin-stand the sides thereof and the panels thereof were of the same. For on the plates of the sides thereof, and on the panels thereof, he engraved cherubs, lions, and palm trees, according to the open space in each, and garlands round about. After this manner he made the ten Basin-stands; all of them were of one casting, one measure, and one shape.

38 Then made he ten LAVERS [or Basins] of copper; one
Laver contained forty Baths [or 300 gallons]; and every
Laver was four cubits; and upon every one of the ten Basin-
39 stands was one Laver. And he put five Basin-stands on the
right side of the House, and five on the left side of the
House; and he set the Water-cistern on the right side of
40 the House eastward over against the south. And Hiram
made the Lavers, and the Ladles, and the Sprinkling Ves-
sels.

So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he
41 made for king Solomon for the House of Jehovah; the two
pillars, and the bowls of the capitals that were on the top
of the two pillars; and the two trellis-works, to cover the
two bowls of the capitals which were upon the top of the
42 pillars; and four hundred pomegranates for the two trellis-
works, (even two rows of pomegranates for each trellis-
work,) to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were upon
43 the pillars; and the ten basin-stands, and ten lavers on the
44 basin-stands; and one water-cistern, and twelve oxen under
45 the water-cistern; and the pots, and the ladles, and the
sprinkling vessels; and all these vessels, which Hiram made
to king Solomon for the House of Jehovah, were of polished
46 copper. In the Circle of the Jordan did the king cast them,
47 in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarthan. And
Solomon left all the vessels [unweighed] because they were
exceeding many; the weight of the copper was not sought
for.

48 And Solomon made all the vessels that were for the
House of Jehovah; the Golden Altar, and the Table of gold,
49 whereupon the presence-bread was, and the lampstands of
pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before
the Place of the Oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps,
50 and the tongs of gold, and the bowls, and the snuffers, and
the sprinkling vessels, and the spoons, and the censers of
pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the
inner room, the Holy of Holies, and for the doors of the
51 House, to wit, for the Great Hall [of the temple]. So was
ended all the work that king Solomon made for the House
of Jehovah. And Solomon brought in the things which
David his father had dedicated; even the silver, and the
gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the
House of Jehovah.

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the 1
heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children
of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might
bring up the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah out of the
city of David, which is Zion. And all the men of Israel 2
assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the Feast [of
Tabernacles] in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh
month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests 3
took up the Ark. And they brought up the Ark of Jeho- 4
vah, and the Appointed Tent, and all the holy vessels that
were in the Tent, even those did the priests and the Levites
bring up. And king Solomon, and all the congregation of 5
Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before
the Ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told
nor numbered for multitude. And the priests brought in 6
the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah unto its place, into the
Place of the Oracle of the House, into the Holy of Holies,
even under the wings of the cherubs. For the cherubs 7
spread forth their wings over the place of the Ark, and the
cherubs covered the Ark and the staves thereof above.
And so long were the staves, that the ends of the staves 8
were seen from the Holy Place in front of the Place of the
Oracle, but they were not seen on the outside. And there
they are unto this day. There was nothing in the Ark save 9
the Two Tables of Stone, which Moses put there at Horeb,
when Jehovah made a covenant with the children of Israel,
when they came out of the land of Egypt.

And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of 10
the Holy Place, that the cloud filled the House of Jehovah,
so that the priests could not stand to minister because of 11
the cloud; for the glory of Jehovah had filled the House
of Jehovah. Then spake Solomon, 'Jehovah said that he 12
'would dwell in the thick darkness. I have surely built 13
'thee an house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to rest
'in for ever.' And the king turned his face about, and 14
blessed all the assembly of Israel; (and all the assembly of
Israel stood;) and he said, 'Blessed be Jehovah the God of 15
'Israel, who spake with his mouth unto David my father,
'and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying, Since the day 16
'that I brought forth my people Israel out of Lower Egypt
'I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an
'house, that my Name might be therein; but I chose David

17 'to be over my people Israel. And it was in the heart of
'David my father to build an House for the Name of Jeho-
18 'vah the God of Israel. And Jehovah said unto David my
'father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an House
'unto my Name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart.
19 'Nevertheless thou shalt not build the House; but thy son
'that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the
20 'House unto my Name. And Jehovah hath performed his
'word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of David
'my father, and I sit on the throne of Israel, as Jehovah
'promised, and I have built an House for the Name of
21 'Jehovah the God of Israel. And I have set there a place
'for the Ark, wherein is the Covenant of Jehovah, which
'he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of
'the land of Lower Egypt.'

22 And Solomon stood before the Altar of Jehovah in the
presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his
23 hands toward heaven; and he said, 'O Jehovah God of
'Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on
'earth beneath, who keepest covenant and kindness with
'thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart;
24 'who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou
'promisedst him; thou spakest also with thy mouth, and
25 'hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day. There-
'fore now, O Jehovah God of Israel, keep with thy servant
'David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There
'shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne
'of Israel; so that thy children keep to their way, that they
26 'walk before me as thou hast walked before me. And now,
'O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified,
'which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

27 'But will God in truth dwell on the earth? Behold, the
'heavens and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how
28 'much less this House that I have builded? Yet turn thou
'unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication,
'O Jehovah my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the
29 'prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to-day; that
'thine eyes may be open toward this House night and day,
'even toward the place of which thou hast said, My Name
'shall be there; that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer
30 'which thy servant shall make toward this place. And
'hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy

'people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place; and
'hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place; and when thou
'hearest forgive.

'If any man trespass against his neighbour, and an oath 31
'be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come
'before thine altar in this House; then hear thou in heaven, 32
'and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked,
'by bringing his way upon his own head; and justifying
'the righteous, by giving to him according to his right-
'eousness.

'When thy people Israel be smitten down before the 33
'enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall
'turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and
'make supplication unto thee in this House; then hear 34
'thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel,
'and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest
'unto their fathers.

'When the heavens are shut up, and there is no rain, 35
'because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward
'this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin,
'when thou afflictest them; then hear thou in heaven, and 36
'forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel,
'that thou mayest teach them the good way wherein they
'should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou
'hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

'If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, 37
'blight, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if their
'enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; for every
'plague, for every sickness; what prayer and supplication 38
'soever be made by any man, or by any one of thy people
'Israel, who shall know every man the plague of his own
'heart, and spread forth his hands toward this House; then 39
'hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and
'do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose
'heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest
'the hearts of all the sons of Adam;) so that they may 40
'fear thee all the days that they live upon the face of the
'land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

'Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people 41
'Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy Name's
'sake; (for they shall hear of thy great Name, and of thy 42
'strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall

43 'come and pray toward this House; hear thou in heaven,
'thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger
'calleth to thee for; so that all people of the earth may
'know thy Name, to fear thee, as do thy people Israel;
'and that they may know that this house, which I have
'builded, is called by thy Name.

44 'When thy people go out to battle against their enemy,
'whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto
'Jehovah toward the city which thou hast chosen, and
45 'toward the House that I have built for thy Name; then
'hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication,
'and maintain their cause.

46 'When they sin against thee, (for there is no man that
'sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver
'them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives
47 'unto the land of the enemy, far or near; yet if they shall
'lay it to heart in the land whither they were carried,
'and turn and make supplication unto thee in the land of
'them that carried them away, saying, We have sinned,
'and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;
48 'and so return unto thee with all their heart, and with all
'their soul, in the land of their enemies, who led them
'away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which
'thou gavest unto their fathers, toward the city which thou
'hast chosen, and the House which I have built for thy
49 'Name; then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place their
'prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause,
50 'and forgive thy people what they have sinned against thee,
'and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed
'against thee, and grant them to find mercy in the sight of
'them who carried them captive, that they may have mercy
51 'on them; for they are thy people, and thine inheritance,
'whom thou broughtest forth out of Lower Egypt, from
52 'the midst of the furnace of iron; that thine eyes may be
'open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the
'supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them
53 'in all that they call for unto thee. For thou didst sepa-
'rate them from among all the people of the earth, to be
'thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses
'thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of
'Lower Egypt, O Lord Jehovah.'

54 And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of

praying all this prayer and supplication unto Jehovah, he arose from before the altar of Jehovah, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. And he 55
stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying, 'Blessed be Jehovah, that hath given a rest- 56
'ing-place unto his people Israel, according to all that he 'promised; there hath not failed one word of all his good 'promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his 'servant. May Jehovah our God be with us, as he was 57
'with our fathers; let him not leave us, nor forsake us; 'that he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all 58
'his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, 'and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers. 'And let these my words, wherewith I have made suppli- 59
'cation before Jehovah, be nigh unto Jehovah our God day 'and night, that he may maintain the cause of his servant, 'and the cause of his people Israel, each matter on its own 'day; so that all the people of the earth may know that 60
'Jehovah is God, and that there is none else. Let your 61
'heart therefore be perfect with Jehovah our God, to walk 'in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this 'day.'

And the king, and all Israel with him, sacrificed a sacri- 62
fice before Jehovah. And Solomon sacrificed a sacrifice of 63
peace offerings, which he sacrificed unto Jehovah, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the House of Jehovah. The same day did the 64
king hallow the middle of the Court that was before the House of Jehovah; for there he offered burnt offerings, and meal offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings; because the copper altar that was before Jehovah was too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meal offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

And at that time Solomon held the Feast [of Taber- 65
nacles], and all Israel with him, a great assembly, from the Pass of Hamath unto the valley of Lower Egypt, before Jehovah our God, seven days and seven days, even fourteen days. On the eighth day he sent the people away. 66
And they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that Jehovah had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.

1 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the
building of the House of Jehovah, and the king's house,
2 and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, that
Jehovah appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had
3 appeared unto him at Gibeon. And Jehovah said unto
him, 'I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that
'thou hast made before me. I have hallowed this House,
'which thou hast built, to put my Name there for ever;
'and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.
4 'And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father
'walked, in honesty of heart, and in uprightness, to do ac-
'cording to all that I have commanded thee, and will keep
5 'my statutes and my judgments; then I will establish the
'throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised
'to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man
6 'upon the throne of Israel. But if ye shall at all turn from
'following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my
'commandments and my statutes which I have set before
'you, but go and serve other gods, and bow down before
7 'them; then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I
'have given them; and this House, which I have hallowed
'for my Name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall
8 'be a proverb and a byword among all people; and at this
'House, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall
'be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why
'hath Jehovah done thus unto this land, and to this House?
9 'And they shall answer, Because they forsook Jehovah
'their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land
'of Lower Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods,
'and have bowed down before them, and served them;
'therefore hath Jehovah brought upon them all this evil.'
10 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when
Solomon had built the two houses, the House of Jehovah,
11 and the king's house, after Hiram the king of Tyre had
furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with
gold, according to all his desire, that then king Solomon
12 gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. And
Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon
had given him; and they were not pleasing in his eyes.
13 And he said, 'What cities are these which thou hast given
'me, my brother?' And he called them the land of Cabul
14 unto this day. And Hiram sent to the king six-score

Kikars [or hundred weights] of gold. And this is the 15
reason of the tribute which king Solomon raised; for to
build the House of Jehovah, and his own house, and Millo
[or the Embankment], and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor,
and Megiddo, and Gezer. For Pharaoh king of Egypt had 16
gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain
the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and had given it as a
dower with his daughter, Solomon's wife. And Solomon 17
built Gezer, and Beth-horon the lower, and Baalath, and 18
Tadmor [or Palmyra] in the inland desert, and all the cities 19
of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and
cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to
build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of
his dominion.

And all the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittites, 20
Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who were not of the chil-
dren of Israel, their children that were left after them in 21
the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able
utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute
of bond-service unto this day. But of the children of Israel 22
did Solomon make no bondmen; but they were men of war,
and his servants, and his princes, and his chiefs of three [or
chariot warriors], and rulers of his chariots, and his horse-
men. These were the captains, the officers that were over 23
Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, that bare rule
over the people that laboured in the work.

And Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David 24
unto her house which Solomon had built for her. Then
did he build Millo.

And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offer- 25
ings and peace offerings upon the Altar which he built unto
Jehovah, and he burnt incense upon that which was in the
presence of Jehovah. So he finished the House.

And king Solomon made ships at Ezion-geber, which is 26
beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of
Edom. And Hiram sent in the ships his servants, shipmen 27
that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solo-
mon. And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence 28
gold, four hundred and twenty Kikars [or hundred weights],
and brought it to king Solomon.

And when the queen of Sheba had heard of the fame of 1
Solomon concerning the name of Jehovah, she came to prove

him with hard questions. And she came to Jerusalem with
a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very
much gold, and precious stones. And when she was come
to Solomon, she spake to him of all that was in her heart.
And Solomon told her all her questions; there was not any
thing hidden from the king, which he told her not. And
when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom,
and the house that he had built, and the food of his table,
and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his
ministers, and their apparel, and his cup-bearers, and his
Ascent [or Bridge] by which he went up unto the House of
Jehovah; there was no more spirit in her. And she said
to the king, 'It was a true report that I heard in mine own
'land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed
'not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it;
'and, behold, the half was not told me. Thy wisdom and
'prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard. Happy are
'thy men, happy are these thy servants, that stand con-
'tinually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. Blessed
'be Jehovah thy God, who delighted in thee, to set thee on
'the throne of Israel; because Jehovah loveth Israel for
'ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and
'righteousness.' And she gave the king an hundred and
twenty Kikars of gold, and of spices very great store, and
precious stones. There came no more such abundance of
spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king
Solomon.

And the ships also of Hiram, that brought gold from
Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of Almug [or
ebony] trees, and precious stones. And the king made of
the almug trees supports for the House of Jehovah, and for
the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers; there
came no such almug trees, nor were seen unto this day.
And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her
desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which Solomon
gave her as of the king's hand. So she turned and went
to her own country, she and her servants.

Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one
year was six hundred threescore and six Kikars of gold,
beside that of the traders, and of the traffic of the mer-
chants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the Pashas
[or governors] of the country.

And king Solomon made two hundred targets of mixed 16
gold; six hundred [Shekels or twenty-five pounds weight]
of gold went to one target. And he made three hundred 17
shields of mixed gold; three Minæ [or five pounds weight]
of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the
House of the Forest of Lebanon.

Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and 18
overlaid it with purified gold. The throne had six steps, 19
and the top of the throne was round behind; and there
were arms on either side on the place of the seat, and two
lions stood beside the arms. And twelve lions stood there 20
on the one side and on the other upon the six steps; there
was not the like made in any kingdom.

And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, 21
and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon
were of pure gold; none were of silver; that was accounted
as nothing in the days of Solomon. For the king had at 22
sea ships of Tarshish with the ships of Hiram. Once in
three years came the ships of Tarshish, bringing gold, and
silver, tusks of ivory, and apes, and parrots. So king Solo- 23
mon was greater than all the kings of the earth for riches
and for wisdom.

And all the earth sought the face of Solomon, to hear 24
his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. And they 25
brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels
of gold, and cloaks, and armour, and spices, horses, and
mules, a rate year by year.

And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen; 26
and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and
twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cha-
riot-cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. And the 27
king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars
made he to be as the sycamore trees that are in the Low
Country for abundance. And Solomon had horses brought 28
out of Lower Egypt; a troop of the king's merchants re-
ceived the troop [of horses] at a price. And a chariot came 29
up and went out of Lower Egypt for six hundred [Shekels
or three hundred shillings] of silver, and an horse for an
hundred and fifty. And so for all the kings of the Hittites,
and for the kings of Syria did they bring them out by their
hands.

But king Solomon loved many strange women, together 1

with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites,
2 Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites; of the na-
tions concerning which Jehovah had said unto the children
of Israel, 'Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they
'come in unto you; for surely they will turn away your
'heart after their gods;' Solomon clave unto these in love.
3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three
hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart.
4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives
turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was
not perfect with Jehovah his God, as was the heart of
5 David his father. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the
goddess of the Sidonians, and after Molech the abomination
6 of the Ammonites. And Solomon did evil in the sight of
Jehovah, and went not fully after Jehovah, as David his
7 father had done. Then did Solomon build an High Place
for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is
in front of Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the
8 children of Ammon. And likewise did he for all his strange
wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed unto their own gods.
9 And Jehovah was angry with Solomon, because his heart
was turned from Jehovah the God of Israel, who had ap-
10 peared unto him twice, and had commanded him concerning
this thing, that he should not go after other gods. But he
11 kept not that which Jehovah had commanded. Wherefore
Jehovah said unto Solomon, 'Forasmuch as this is done by
'thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes,
'which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the
12 'kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. Not-
'withstanding, in thy days I will not do it for David thy
'father's sake; but I will rend it out of the hand of thy
13 'son. Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but
'will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake,
'and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.'
14 And Jehovah raised up an adversary unto Solomon,
Hadad the Edomite. He was of the seed of the kings of
15 Edom. For it came to pass, when David was in Edom,
and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the
16 slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom; (for six
months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had
17 cut off every male in Edom;) that Hadad fled, he and
certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go

into Lower Egypt; Hadad being yet a little child. And 18
they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran. And they
took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Lower
Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Lower Egypt; who gave him
an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.
And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so 19
that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the
sister of Tahpenes the queen. And the sister of Tahpenes 20
bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in
Pharaoh's house. And Genubath was in Pharaoh's house-
hold among the sons of Pharaoh. And when Hadad heard 21
in Lower Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that
Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pha-
raoh, 'Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country.'
Then Pharaoh said unto him, 'But what hast thou lacked 22
'with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own
'country?' And he answered, 'Nothing; howbeit let me
'go in any wise.'

And God raised up against him as an adversary Rezon 23
the son of Eliadah, who had fled from his lord Hadadezer
king of Zobah. And he gathered men unto him, and 24
became captain over a band, when David slew them [of
Zobah]. And they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein,
and reigned in Damascus. And he was an adversary to 25
Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that
Hadad did. And he harassed Israel, and reigned over
Syria.

And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, 26
Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a
widow woman, even he lifted up his hand against the king.
And this was the cause that he lifted up his hand against 27
the king. Solomon had built Millo [or the Embankment],
and had repaired the breaches of the city of David his
father. And the man Jeroboam was a warrior of valour. 28
And Solomon seeing the young man that he had done the
work, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of
Joseph. And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam 29
went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilon-
ite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a
new cloak; and they two were alone in the field. And 30
Ahijah caught the new cloak that was on him, and rent it
into twelve pieces. And he said to Jeroboam, 'Take to thy- 31

'self ten pieces; for thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel,
'Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solo-
'mon, and will give ten tribes to thee; (but he shall have
'one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's
'sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of
'Israel;) because that they have forsaken me, and have wor-
'shipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh
'the god of the Moabites, and Molech the god of the chil-
'dren of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do
'that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes
'and my judgments, as did David his father. Howbeit I
'will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand; but I
'will make him prince all the days of his life for David
'my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my
'commandments and my statutes. But I will take the
'kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee,
'even ten tribes. And unto his son will I give one tribe,
'so that there may be a lamp for David my servant alway
'before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for
'myself to put my Name there. And I will take thee, and
'thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and
'thou shalt be king over Israel. And it shall be, if thou wilt
'hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in
'my ways, and do what is right in my sight, to keep my
'statutes and my commandments, as David my servant
'did; that I will be with thee, and will build unto thee a
'sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto
'thee. And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but
'not for ever.' Solomon sought therefore to kill Jero-
boam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Lower Egypt,
unto Shishak king of Lower Egypt, and was in Lower
Egypt until the death of Solomon.

And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did,
and his wisdom, are they not written in the Book of the
Acts of Solomon? And the time that Solomon reigned in
Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. And Solomon
slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David
his father; and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead
[B.C. 971].

And Rehoboam went to Shechem; for all Israel were
come to Shechem to make him king. And it came to pass,
when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it, (for he was

as yet in Lower Egypt, whither he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Lower Egypt,) that they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and 8
all the assembly of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying, 'Thy father made our yoke grievous; now therefore 4
'do thou lighten the grievous service of thy father, and his 'heavy yoke which he put upon us, and we will serve thee.' And he said unto them, 'Depart yet for three days, then 5
'come again to me.' And the people departed.

And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that 6
stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, 'How do ye advise, that I may return answer to this peo-'ple?' And they spake unto him, saying, 'If thou wilt be 7
'a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, 'and answer them, and speak good words to them, then 'they will be thy servants for ever.' But he forsook the 8
counsel of the old men, which they had counselled him, and consulted with the young men that had grown up with him, and who stood before him. And he said unto them, 'What 9
'counsel give ye, that we may return answer unto this peo-'ple, who have spoken to me, saying, Do thou lighten the 'yoke which thy father did put upon us?' And the young 10
men that had grown up with him spake unto him, saying, 'Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto 'thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but do thou 'lighten it unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little 'finger shall be thicker than my father's loins. And now 11
'whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will 'add to your yoke. My father hath chastised you with 'whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.'

So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on 12
the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, 'Come to 'me again on the third day.' And the king answered the 13
people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they counselled him, and he spake to them after the counsel of 14
the young men, saying, 'My father made your yoke heavy, 'and I will add to your yoke. My father chastised you 'with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.' And 15
the king hearkened not unto the people; for the guidance was from Jehovah, so that he might perform his saying, which Jehovah spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto
them, the people returned answer unto the king, saying,
'What portion have we in David? Neither have we inhe-
'ritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel. Now
'see to thine own house, David.' So Israel departed unto
17 their tents. But as for the children of Israel that dwelt in
the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.
18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the
tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died.
Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his
19 chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. So Israel rebelled against the
house of David unto this day.
20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam
was come again, that they sent and called him unto the
congregation, and made him king over all Israel. There
was none that followed the house of David, but only the
tribe of Judah.
21 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assem-
bled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin,
an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, who were
warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the
22 kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. But the
word of God came unto Shemaiah, a man of God, saying,
23 'Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah,
'and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the
24 'remnant of the people, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, Ye
'shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the chil-
'dren of Israel. Return every man to his house; for this
'thing is from me.' They hearkened therefore to the word
of Jehovah, and returned to depart, according to the word
of Jehovah.
25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of
Ephraim, and dwelt therein. And he went out from thence,
26 and built Penuel. And Jeroboam said in his heart, 'Now
27 'will the kingdom return to the house of David, if this
'people go up to do sacrifice in the House of Jehovah at
'Jerusalem; then will the heart of this people turn again
'unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and
'they will kill me, and turn again to Rehoboam king of
28 'Judah.' Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two
calves of gold. And said unto them, 'It is too much for
'you to go up to Jerusalem; behold thy gods, O Israel,

'who brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.' And he 29
set the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan. And 30
this thing became a sin; for the people went up before the
one, even unto Dan. And he made an House of High 31
Places [or Altars], and made priests of the lowest of the
people, who were not of the sons of Levi. And Jeroboam 32
ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day
of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he
offered upon the altar. So did he in Beth-el, sacrificing
unto the calves that he had made. And he placed in Beth-el
the priests of the High Places which he had made. So he 33
offered upon the altar which he had made in Beth-el on the
fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in a month which
he had set apart of his own heart; and he ordained a feast
unto the children of Israel; and he offered upon the altar,
and burned incense.

And, behold, there came A MAN OF GOD out of Judah by 1
the word of Jehovah unto Beth-el; and Jeroboam stood by
the altar to burn incense. And he cried against the altar 2
by the word of Jehovah, and said, 'O altar, altar, thus saith
'Jehovah; Behold, a child will be born unto the house of
'David, Josiah by name; and upon thee will he sacrifice the
'priests of the High Places who burn incense upon thee,
'and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.' And he gave 3
a sign the same day, saying, 'This is the sign which Jeho-
'vah hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the
'bone-ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.' And it 4
came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the
man of God, who had cried against the altar in Beth-el, that
he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, 'Lay hold on
'him.' And his hand, which he put forth against him,
dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him. The 5
altar also was rent, and the bone-ashes poured out from the
altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given
by the word of Jehovah. And the king answered and said 6
unto the man of God, 'Intreat now the face of Jehovah thy
'God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to
'me again.' And the man of God intreated the face of
Jehovah, and the king's hand was restored him again, and
became as it was before. And the king said unto the man
of God, 'Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I
'will give thee a reward.' And the man of God said unto

the king, 'If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not
'go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water
9 'in this place. For so was it charged me by the word of
'Jehovah, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor return
10 'again by the same way that thou camest.' So he went
another way, and returned not by the way that he came to
Beth-el.

11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el; and his sons
came and told him all the works that the man of God had
done that day in Beth-el; the words which he had spoken
12 unto the king, them they told also to their father. And
their father said unto them, 'What way went he?' For
his sons had seen what way the man of God went, who
13 came from Judah. And he said unto his sons, 'Saddle for
'me the ass.' So they saddled for him the ass; and he rode
14 thereon, and went after the man of God, and found him
sitting under an oak. And he said unto him, 'Art thou
'the man of God that camest from Judah?' And he said,
15 'I am.' Then he said unto him, 'Come home with me, and
16 'eat bread.' And he said, 'I may not return with thee,
'nor go in with thee; neither will I eat bread nor drink
17 'water with thee in this place; for it was said to me by the
'word of Jehovah, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water
'there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.'
18 He said unto him, 'I am a prophet also as thou art; and
'an angel spake unto me by the word of Jehovah, saying,
'Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may
19 'eat bread and drink water.' But he lied unto him. So
he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and
drank water.

20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the
word of Jehovah came unto the prophet that brought him
21 back; and he cried unto the man of God that came from
Judah, saying, 'Thus saith Jehovah, Forasmuch as thou hast
'disobeyed the mouth of Jehovah, and hast not kept the
'commandment which Jehovah thy God commanded thee,
22 'but camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in
'the place, of which He did say to thee, Eat no bread,
'and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the
'burial-place of thy fathers.'

23 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after
he had drunk, that he saddled the ass for the prophet whom

he had brought back. And when he was gone, a lion met 24
him by the way, and slew him. And his carcase was cast
in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by
the carcase. And, behold, men passed by, and saw the car- 25
case cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase;
and they came and told it in the city where the old pro-
phet dwelt.

And when the prophet that brought him back from the 26
way heard thereof, he said, 'It is the man of God, who was
'disobedient unto the command of Jehovah. Therefore
'Jehovah hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath
'torn him, and slain him, according to the word of Jehovah,
'which he spake unto him.' And he spake to his sons, 27
saying, 'Saddle for me the ass.' And they saddled it. And 28
he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass
and the lion standing by the carcase. The lion had not
eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass. And the prophet took 29
up the carcase of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass,
and brought it back. And the old prophet came to the city,
to mourn and to bury him. And he laid his carcase in his 30
own grave; and they mourned over him, [saying,] 'Alas,
'my brother!' And it came to pass, after he had buried 31
him, that he spake to his sons, saying, 'When I am dead,
'then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is
'buried; lay my bones beside his bones; for the saying 32
'which he cried by the word of Jehovah against the altar
'in Beth-el, and against all the houses of the high places
'which are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to
'pass.'

After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, 33
but made again some of the lowest of the people priests of
the High Places. Whosoever would, he filled his hands
[with offerings], and he became one of the priests of the
High Places. And this thing became sin unto the house of 34
Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the
face of the earth.

At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick. And 1
Jeroboam said to his wife, 'Arise, I pray thee, and disguise 2
'thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jero-
'boam; and get thee to Shiloh. Behold, Ahijah the pro-
'phet is there, who told me that I should be king over this
'people. And take in thine hand ten loaves, and crack- 3

'nels, and a cruse of honey, and go to him; he will tell thee
4 'what will become of the child.' And Jeroboam's wife did
so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house
of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see; for his eyes were
5 set by reason of his age. And Jehovah said unto Ahijah,
'Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a thing of thee
'for her son; for he is sick. Thus and thus shalt thou say
'unto her; for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she
6 'shall feign herself to be another woman.' And it was so,
when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at
the doorway, that he said, 'Come in, thou wife of Jero-
'boam; why feignest thou thyself to be another? For I
7 'am sent to thee with heavy tidings. Go, tell Jeroboam,
'Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel, Forasmuch as I
'exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince
8 'over my people Israel, and I rent the kingdom away from
'the house of David, and gave it unto thee; and yet thou
'hast not been as my servant David, who kept my com-
'mandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do
9 'that only which was right in mine eyes; but thou hast
'done evil above all that were before thee; and hast gone
'and made for thyself other gods, and molten images, to
'provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back;
10 'therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jero-
'boam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every man and boy,
'whether prisoner or left at large in Israel; and I will put
'away behind me the house of Jeroboam, as a man putteth
11 'away dung, till it be all gone. Him of Jeroboam that dieth
'in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the
'field shall the fowls of the air eat; for Jehovah hath spoken
12 'it. Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house;
13 'when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die. And
'all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him; for he only
'of Jeroboam shall come to a burial-place, because in him
'there is found some good thing toward Jehovah the God
14 'of Israel in the house of Jeroboam. Moreover Jehovah
'will raise up for himself a king over Israel, who will cut
'off the house of Jeroboam that day. And what if it be
15 'even now? For Jehovah will smite Israel, as a reed is
'shaken in the water, and he will root up Israel out of this
'good land, which he gave to their fathers, and will scatter
'them beyond the River [Euphrates], because they have

'made their groves of Ashera, provoking Jehovah to anger.
'And he will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, 16
'who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.' And Jeroboam's 17
wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah; and when
she came to the threshold of the house, the child died. And 18
they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, accord-
ing to the word of Jehovah, which he spake by the hand
of his servant Ahijah the prophet.

And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and 19
how he reigned, behold, they are written in the Book of
the Chronicles of the kings of Israel. And the days which 20
Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years; and he slept
with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. 21
Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to
reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city
which Jehovah did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to
put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah
an Ammonite woman. And Judah did evil in the sight of 22
Jehovah, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins
which they had committed, above all that their fathers had
done. For they also built for themselves High Places, and 23
images, and groves of Ashera, on every high hill, and under
every green tree. And there were also sodomites in the 24
land; they did according to all the abominations of the
nations which Jehovah cast out before the children of Israel.

And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam 25
[B.C. 967], that Shishak king of Lower Egypt came up
against Jerusalem. And he took away the treasures of the 26
House of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king's house;
he even took away all. And he took away all the shields
of gold which Solomon had made. And king Rehoboam 27
made in their stead shields of copper, and committed them
unto the hands of the chief of the Runners, who kept the
door of the king's house. And it was so, when the king 28
went into the House of Jehovah, that the Runners bare
them, and brought them back into the Runners' chamber.

Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he 29
did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of
the kings of Judah? And there was war between Reho- 30
boam and Jeroboam all their days. And Rehoboam slept 31
with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city

of David. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonite woman. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead [B.C. 954].

1 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son
2 of Nebat reigned ABIJAM over Judah. Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah,
3 the daughter of Absalom. And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; and his heart was not perfect with Jehovah his God, as the heart of David
4 his father. Nevertheless for David's sake did Jehovah his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after
5 him, and to establish Jerusalem; because David did what was right in the eyes of Jehovah, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life,
6 save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

7 Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and
8 Jeroboam. And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David; and Asa his son reigned in his stead [B.C. 951].

9 And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel,
10 reigned ASA over Judah. And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his [grand]mother's name was
11 Maachah, the daughter of Absalom. And Asa did what was right in the eyes of Jehovah, as David his father had done.
12 And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and re-
13 moved all the filthy idols that his fathers had made. And also Maachah his [grand]mother, even her he removed from being queen, because she had made an idol to Ashera. And Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt it in the valley of the
14 Kidron. But the High Places were not removed. Nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with Jehovah all his days.
15 And he brought in the things which his father had made holy, and the things which himself had made holy, into the House of Jehovah, silver, and gold, and vessels.

16 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of
17 Israel all their days. And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer
18 any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. Then Asa

took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the House of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants; and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, who dwelt at Damascus, saying, 'There is a league between me and thee, 19
'and between my father and thy father; behold, I have sent
'unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy
'league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from
'me.' So Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent 20
the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel near Beth-maachah, and all Cinneroth [or Gennesaret], with all the land of Naphtali. And it came to pass, when Baasha heard 21
thereof, that he left off building Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah. Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all 22
Judah; no one was exempted; and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all 23
that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet. And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried 24
with his fathers in the city of David his father; and JEHOSHAPHAT his son reigned in his stead [B.C. 911].

And NADAB the son of Jeroboam began to reign over 25
Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah [B.C. 950], and he reigned over Israel two years. And he did evil in 26
the sight of Jehovah, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

And BAASHA the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, 27
conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon. Even in the third year of Asa 28
king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead. And it came to pass, when he reigned, that he smote all 29
the house of Jeroboam. He left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto the saying of Jehovah, which he spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the Shilonite; because of the sins of Jeroboam 30

which he sinned, and which he made Israel to sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked Jehovah the God of
31 Israel to anger. Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?
32 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of
33 Israel all their days. In the third year of Asa king of Judah [in B.C. 949] began Baasha the son of Ahijah to
34 reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years. And he did evil in the sight of Jehovah, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

1 Then the word of Jehovah came to Jehu the son of
2 Hanani against Baasha, saying, 'Forasmuch as I raised thee 'out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people 'Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and 'hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger
3 'with their sins; behold, I will take away the posterity of 'Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy
4 'house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. Him 'of Baasha that dieth in the city shall the dogs eat; and 'him of his that dieth in the fields shall the fowls of the 'air eat.'

5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chroni-
6 cles of the kings of Israel? So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah; and Elah his son reigned in his
7 stead. And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of Jehovah against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of Jehovah, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he smote it.

8 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah [B.C. 926] began ELAH the son of Baasha to reign over
9 Israel in Tirzah, for two years. And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, who
10 was over his house in Tirzah. And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah [B.C. 925], and he reigned in his
11 stead. And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as

soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all the house of Baasha; he left him not a man or boy, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends. Thus did Zimri destroy all the 12
house of Baasha, according to the word of Jehovah, which he spake against Baasha by the hand of Jehu the prophet, for all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by 13
which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking Jehovah the God of Israel to anger with their vanities. Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he 14
did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah 15
[B.C. 925] did ZIMRI reign for seven days in Tirzah. And the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines. And the people that were en- 16
camped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king; wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp. And 17
Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah. And it came to pass, when Zimri 18
saw that the city was taken, that he went into the strong tower of the king's house, and he burnt over himself the king's house with fire, and he died, for his sins which he 19
sinned in doing evil in the eyes of Jehovah, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, in making Israel to sin. Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, 20
and his conspiracy that he made, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts 21
[B.C. 925]. Half of the people followed TIBNI the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed OMRI. But 22
the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath; and when Tibni died, then Omri reigned [alone], in the thirty and first year 23
of Asa king of Judah [B.C. 921].

OMRI reigned over Israel twelve years; six years he reigned in Tirzah, and then he bought the hill Samaria 24
from Shemer for two Kikars [or hundred weights] of silver; and he built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria. But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of Jeho- 25
vah, and did worse than all that were before him. For he 26

walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke Jehovah the God of Israel to anger with their vanities. Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel? So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

29 And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah [B.C. 914] began AHAB the son of Omri to reign over Israel; and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria
30 twenty and two years. And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the eyes of Jehovah above all that were before him.
31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.
32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal,
33 which he had built in Samaria. And Ahab made a grove of Ashēra; and Ahab did more to provoke Jehovah the God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

34 In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho; *he laid the foundation thereof in* Abiram *his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son* Segub, according to the word of Jehovah, which he spake by the hand of Joshua the son of Nun.

1 AND ELIJAH the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, 'As Jehovah the God of Israel 'liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor
2 'rain these years, but according to my word.' And the
3 word of Jehovah came unto him, saying, 'Get thee hence, and 'turn thee eastward, and hide thyself in the valley of the 'Cherith, that is before [or on the east side of] the Jordan.
4 'And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and
5 'I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.' So he went and did according unto the word of Jehovah; for he went and dwelt in the valley of the Cherith, that is before
6 the Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and
7 he drank of the brook. And it came to pass after some

days, that the brook dried up, because there had been no heavy rain in the land.

And the word of Jehovah came unto him, saying, 'Arise, 8
'get thee to Sarepta, which belongeth to Sidon, and dwell 9
'there; behold, I have commanded a widow woman there
'to feed thee.' So he arose and went to Sarepta. And 10
when he came to the entrance of the city, behold, a widow woman was there gathering sticks. And he called to her, and said, 'Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel,
'that I may drink.' And as she was going to fetch it, he 11
called to her, and said, 'Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of
'bread in thine hand.' And she said, 'As Jehovah thy 12
'God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in
'a pitcher, and a little oil in a cruse; and, behold, I am
'gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me
'and my son, that we may eat it and die.' And Elijah said 13
unto her, 'Fear not; go and do as thou hast said; but
'make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me,
'and afterwards make for thee and for thy son. For thus 14
'saith Jehovah the God of Israel, The pitcher of meal shall
'not be finished, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the
'day that Jehovah sendeth heavy rain upon the face of the
'earth.' And she went and did according to the saying of 15
Elijah; and she, and he, and her house, did eat for many days. And the pitcher of meal was not finished, neither 16
did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of Jehovah, which he spake by the hand of Elijah.

And it came to pass after these things, that the son of 17
the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. And she said unto Elijah, 'What have I to do with thee, 18
'O thou man of God? Art thou come unto me to call my
'sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?' And he said 19
unto her, 'Give me thy son.' And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into the upper chamber, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. And he cried 20
unto Jehovah, and said, 'O Jehovah my God, hast thou also
'brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, to
'slay her son?' And he stretched himself upon the child 21
three times, and cried unto Jehovah, and said, 'O Jehovah
'my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul return again into

22 'his body.' And Jehovah heard the voice of Elijah; and
the soul of the child returned into his body again, and he
23 lived. And Elijah took the child, and brought him down
out of the upper chamber into the house, and delivered him
unto his mother. And Elijah said, 'See, thy son liveth.'
24 And the woman said to Elijah, 'Now by this I know that
'thou art a man of God, and that the word of Jehovah in
'thy mouth is truth.'

1 And it came to pass after many days, that the word of
Jehovah came to Elijah in the third year, saying, 'Go, shew
'thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the face of
2 'the earth.' And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab.
3 And the famine was sore in Samaria. And Ahab called
Obadiah, who was over his house. (Now Obadiah feared
4 Jehovah greatly; for it was so, when Jezebel cut off the
prophets of Jehovah, that Obadiah took an hundred pro-
phets, and hid them by fifties in a cave, and fed them with
5 bread and water.) And Ahab said unto Obadiah, 'Go
'into the land, unto all wells of water, and unto all brooks;
'peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and
6 'mules alive, that we lose not all the cattle.' So they
divided the land between them to pass throughout it. Ahab
went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way
by himself.

7 And as Obadiah was on the way, behold, Elijah met him.
And he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, 'Art thou
8 'that my lord Elijah?' And he answered him 'I am; go,
9 'tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.' And he said, 'In
'what have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant
10 'into the hand of Ahab, to slay me? As Jehovah thy God
'liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord
'hath not sent to seek thee. And when they said, He is
'not there; he made the kingdom and nation to swear, that
11 'they had not found thee. And now thou sayest, Go, tell
12 'thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here. And it will come to pass,
'as soon as I am gone from thee, that the spirit of Jehovah
'will carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come
'and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he will slay me.
13 'But I thy servant fear Jehovah from my youth. Was it
'not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the pro-
'phets of Jehovah, how I hid an hundred men of Jehovah's
'prophets by fifties in a cave, and fed them with bread and

'water? And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, 14
'Elijah is here; and he will slay me.' And Elijah said, 15
'As Jehovah of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will
'surely shew myself unto him to-day.' So Obadiah went 16
to meet Ahab, and told him. And Ahab went to meet
Elijah.

And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab 17
said unto him, 'Art thou he that troubleth Israel?' And 18
he answered, 'I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and
'thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the command-
'ments of Jehovah, and thou hast followed Baal. Now 19
'therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount
'Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty,
'and the prophets of the groves of Ashera four hundred,
'who eat at Jezebel's table.' So Ahab sent unto all the 20
children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto
mount Carmel. And Elijah drew nigh unto all the people, 21
and said, 'How long halt ye between two opinions? If
'Jehovah be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow
'him.' And the people answered him not a word. Then 22
said Elijah unto the people, 'I, one only, remain a prophet
'of Jehovah; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty
'men. Let them therefore give us two bullocks. And let 23
'them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces,
'and lay it on wood, and put no fire to it. And I will
'dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no
'fire to it. And call ye on the name of your gods, and I 24
'will call on the name of Jehovah. And the God that
'answereth by fire, let him be God.' And all the people
answered and said, 'It is well spoken.'

And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, 'Choose ye 25
'one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are
'many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no
'fire to it.' And they took the bullock which was given 26
them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal
from morning even until noon, saying, 'O Baal, answer us.'
But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they
leaped upon the altar which was made. And it came to 27
pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, 'Cry with
'a loud voice; for he is a god. Either he is thinking, or
'he hath stepped aside, or he is on a journey; or perad-
'venture he sleepeth, and must be awaked.' And they 28

cried with a loud voice, and cut themselves after their manner with swords and spears, till the blood gushed out
29 upon them. And it came to pass, when mid-day was past, and they prophesied until the time of offering the meal offering, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer,
30 nor any that regarded. And Elijah said unto all the people, 'Come near unto me.' And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of Jehovah that was
31 broken down. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, (unto whom the word of Jehovah had come, saying, *Israel shall be thy*
32 *name*,) and with the stones he built the altar in the name of Jehovah. And he made a trench about the altar, as great
33 as would contain two Seahs [or half a bushel] of seed. And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, 'Fill four pitchers with 'water, and pour it on the burnt offering, and on the wood.'
34 And he said, 'Do it the second time.' And they did it the second time. And he said, 'Do it the third time.'
35 And they did it the third time. And the water ran round about the altar; and the trench also was filled with water.
36 And it came to pass at the time of offering the meal offering, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, 'O Jeho-'vah, God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known 'this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy 'servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.
37 'Answer me, O Jehovah, answer me, that this people may 'know that thou art Jehovah God, and do thou turn their
38 'heart back again.' Then the fire of Jehovah fell, and consumed the burnt offering, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the
39 trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces. And they said, 'Jehovah, he is God; Jehovah, he
40 'is God.' And Elijah said unto them, 'Take the prophets 'of Baal; let not a man of them escape.' And they took them. And Elijah brought them down to the valley of the Kishon, and slew them there.

41 And Elijah said unto Ahab, 'Get thee up, eat and drink;
42 'for there is a sound of the noise of heavy rain.' So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth,
43 and put his face between his knees, and said to his servant,

'Go up now, look toward the sea.' And he went up, and looked, and said, 'There is nothing whatever.' And he said, 'Go again,' seven times. And it came to pass at the 44
seventh time, that he said, 'Behold, there ariseth a little 'cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand.' And he said, 'Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee 'down, that the heavy rain stop thee not.' And it came 45
to pass in the mean while, that the heavens were black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. And the hand of Jeho- 46
vah was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab until thou come to Jezreel.

And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, 'So let 1
'the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life 'as the life of one of them by to-morrow about this time.' And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and 2
came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into 3
the desert, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked for his life that it might die; and he said, 'It is enough. Now, O Jehovah, take away my life; for 'I am not better than my fathers.' And as he lay and slept under the broom tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, 'Arise and eat.' And he looked, and, behold, a cake baked on the hearth, and a cruse of water at his head-rest. And he did eat and drink, and laid himself down again. And the angel of Jehovah came again the second time, and touched him, and said, 'Arise and 'eat; because the journey is great for thee.' And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto the mount of God in Horeb.

And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there. And, behold, the word of Jehovah came to him, and said unto him, 'What doest thou here, Elijah?' And he said, 'I 10
'have been very jealous for Jehovah the God of hosts. 'For the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, 'thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the 'sword; and I only am left; and they seek my life, to take 'it away.' And he said, 'Go forth, and stand upon the

'mount before Jehovah.' And, behold, Jehovah passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before Jehovah; but Jehovah was not in the wind. And after the wind there was an earthquake; but Jehovah was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake there was a fire; but Jehovah was not in the fire. And after the fire there was a still small voice. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave.

And, behold, the voice came unto him, and said, 'What 'doest thou here, Elijah?' And he said, 'I have been very 'jealous for Jehovah the God of hosts. For the children 'of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine 'altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I only 'am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.' And Jehovah said unto him, 'Go, return on thy way to the 'desert of Damascus; and when thou comest, anoint Hazael 'to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt 'thou anoint to be king over Israel; and Elisha the son of 'Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet 'in thy room. And it shall come to pass, that him that 'escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay; and him 'that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. 'Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees 'which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which 'hath not kissed him.'

So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing; twelve yoke of oxen were before him, and he with the twelfth. And Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him. And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, 'Let me, I pray thee, kiss my 'father and my mother, and then I will follow thee.' And he said unto him, 'Go, return; for what have I done to 'thee?' And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh in the vessels of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

And Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together. And there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots. And he went up and besieged

Samaria, and warred against it. And he sent messengers 2
to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him,
'Thus saith Ben-hadad, Thy silver and thy gold is mine; 3
'thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are
'mine.' And the king of Israel answered and said, 'My 4
'lord, O king, according to thy saying, I am thine, and all
'that I have.' And the messengers came again, and said, 5
'Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, saying, As I sent unto thee,
'saying, Thou shalt deliver to me thy silver, and thy gold,
'and thy wives, and thy children; so I will send my ser- 6
'vants unto thee to-morrow about this time, and they shall
'search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it
'shall be, that whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they
'shall put it in their hand, and take it away.'

Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, 7
and said, 'Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeketh
'mischief. For he sent unto me for my wives, and for my
'children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied
'him not.' And all the elders and all the people said unto 8
him, 'Hearken not unto him, nor consent.' Wherefore he 9
said unto the messengers of Ben-hadad, 'Tell my lord the
'king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first
'I will do; but this thing I may not do.' And the mes-
sengers departed; and brought him word again. And Ben- 10
hadad sent unto him, and said, 'May the gods do so unto
'me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for
'handfuls for all the people that follow me.' And the king 11
of Israel answered and said, 'Tell him, Let not him that
'girdeth on [his sword] boast himself as he that putteth it
'off.' And it came to pass, when [Ben-hadad] heard this 12
message, as he was drinking, he and the kings in the pavi-
lion, that he said unto his servants, 'Set yourselves in array.'
And they set themselves in array against the city.

And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of 13
Israel saying, 'Thus saith Jehovah, Hast thou seen all this
'great multitude? Behold, I will deliver it into thine hand
'this day; and thou shalt know that I am Jehovah.' And 14
Ahab said, 'By means of whom?' And he said, 'Thus saith
'Jehovah, Even by the young men of the princes of the
'provinces.' Then he said, 'Who shall order the battle?'
And he answered, 'Thou.' Then he mustered the young 15
men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two

hundred and thirty-two. And after them he mustered all the people, even all the children of Israel, being seven thou-
16 sand. And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilion, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him. And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first. And Ben-hadad sent out; and they told him, saying, 'There are
18 'men come out of Samaria.' And he said, 'Whether they 'be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they
19 'be come out for war, take them alive.' So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city,
20 and the army which followed them. And they slew every one his man. And the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them. And Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on a
21 horse with the horsemen. And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

22 And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, 'Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what 'thou doest. For at the return of the year the king of
23 'Syria will come up against thee.' And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, 'Their gods are gods of 'the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let 'us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall
24 'be stronger than they. And do this thing. Take the 'kings away, every man out of his place, and put Pashas
25 '[or governors] in their room. And prepare for thyself an 'army, like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, 'and chariot for chariot. And we will fight against them 'on the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.' And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so.

26 And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Ben-
27 hadad mustered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel. And the children of Israel were mustered, and were victualled, and went against them. And the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of
28 kids; but the Syrians filled the country. And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, 'Thus saith Jehovah, Because the Syrians have said, Jeho-'vah is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, 'therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine
29 'hand, and ye shall know that I am Jehovah.' And they

pitched one over against the other for seven days. And so it was, that on the seventh day the battle was joined. And the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand men on foot in one day. But the rest fled to Aphek, 30
into the city; and there a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men that were left.

And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber. And his servants said unto him, 'Behold now, 31
'we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are 'merciful kings. Let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our 'loins, and ropes round our heads, and go out to the king 'of Israel; peradventure he will save thy life.' So they 32
girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes round their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, 'Thy ser-'vant Ben-hadad saith, I pray thee, let me live.' And he said, 'Is he yet alive? He is my brother.' Now the men 33
did watch it as an omen, and did hasten to confirm whether it was from him. And they said, 'Thy brother Ben-hadad.' Then he said, 'Go ye, bring him.' Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot. And [Ben-hadad] said unto him, 'The cities, which 34
'my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou 'shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made 'in Samaria.' 'Then [said Ahab], I will send thee away 'with this covenant.' So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto 35
his neighbour by the word of Jehovah, 'Smite me, I pray 'thee.' And the man refused to smite him. Then said he 36
unto him, 'Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of Jeho-'vah, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion 'shall slay thee.' And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him. Then he found 37
another man, and said, 'Smite me, I pray thee.' And the man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded him. So 38
the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with a covering upon his eyes. And 39
as the king passed by, he cried unto the king; and he said, 'Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, 'behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, 'and said, Keep this man. If by any means he be missing, 'then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a

10 'Kikar [or hundred-weight] of silver. And as thy servant
'was busy here and there, he was gone.' And the king of
Israel said unto him, 'So shall thy judgment be; thyself
11 'hast decided it.' And he hastened, and took the covering
away from his eyes; and the king of Israel discerned him
12 that he was one of the prophets. And [the prophet] said
unto him, 'Thus saith Jehovah, Because thou hast let go
'out of thy hand a man whom I had appointed to utter
'destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy
43 'people for his people.' And the king of Israel went to
his house heavy and troubled, and came to Samaria.

1 And it came to pass after these things, that NABOTH THE
JEZREELITE had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by
2 the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. And Ahab spake unto
Naboth, saying, 'Give me thy vineyard, that I may have
'it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house;
'and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or,
'if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in
3 'silver.' And Naboth said to Ahab, 'It were wrong in me
'before Jehovah, that I should give the inheritance of my
4 'fathers unto thee.' And Ahab came into his house heavy
and troubled because of the word which Naboth the Jezreel-
ite had spoken to him; for he had said, 'I will not give
'thee the inheritance of my fathers.' And he laid him down
upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no
bread.

5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him,
6 'Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?' And
he said unto her, 'Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreel-
'ite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money;
'or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard
'for it. And he answered, I will not give thee my vine-
7 'yard.' And Jezebel his wife said unto him, 'Dost thou
'now govern the kingdom of Israel? Arise, and eat bread,
'and let thine heart be merry; I will give thee the vineyard of
8 'Naboth the Jezreelite.' So she wrote letters in Ahab's name,
and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto
the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling
9 with Naboth. And she wrote in the letters, saying, 'Pro-
'claim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.
10 'And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear wit-
'ness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and

'the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that
'he may die.' And the men of his city, even the elders and 11
the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as
Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the
letters which she had sent unto them. They proclaimed a 12
fast, and set Naboth on high among the people. And there 13
came in two men, sons of Belial, and sat before him. And
the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Na-
both, in the presence of the people, saying, 'Naboth did
'blaspheme God and the king.' Then they carried him
forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he
died. Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, 'Naboth is stoned, 14
'and is dead.'

And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth 15
was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab,
'Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jez-
'reelite, which he refused to give thee for money; for Na-
'both is not alive, but dead.' And it came to pass, when 16
Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go
down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take pos-
session of it.

And the word of Jehovah came to Elijah the Tishbite, 17
saying, 'Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who 18
'is in Samaria. Behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth,
'whither he is gone down to possess it. And thou shalt 19
'speak unto him, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, Hast thou
'killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak
'unto him, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, In the place where
'the dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall the dogs lick
'thy blood, even thine.' And Ahab said to Elijah, 'Hast 20
'thou found me, O mine enemy?' And he answered, 'I
'have found thee. Because thou hast sold thyself to work
'evil in the sight of Jehovah, behold, I will bring evil upon 21
'thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off
'from Ahab every man and boy, whether prisoner or left
'at large in Israel, and I will make thine house like the 22
'house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house
'of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation where-
'with thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to
'sin.' And of Jezebel also spake Jehovah, saying, 'The 23
'dogs shall eat Jezebel at the rampart of Jezreel. Him 24
'of Ahab that dieth in the city the dogs shall eat; and him

25 'that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.' (But
there was none like unto Ahab, who did sell himself to
work wickedness in the sight of Jehovah, whom Jezebel
26 his wife stirred up. And he did very abominably in fol-
lowing filthy idols, according to all that the Amorites did,
whom Jehovah had cast out before the children of Israel.)
27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that
he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and
fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and walked slowly.
28 And the word of Jehovah came to Elijah the Tishbite,
29 saying, 'Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before
'me? Because he humbleth himself before me, I will not
'bring the evil in his days; but in his son's days will I
'bring the evil upon his house.'

1 AND THEY CONTINUED three years without war between
2 Syria and Israel. And it came to pass in the third year,
that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king
3 of Israel. And the king of Israel said unto his servants,
'Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and are we still,
'and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?'
4 And he said unto Jehoshaphat, 'Wilt thou go with me to
'battle to Ramoth in Gilead?' And Jehoshaphat said to
the king of Israel, 'I am as thou art, my people as thy peo-
5 'ple, my horses as thy horses.' And Jehoshaphat said unto
the king of Israel, 'Inquire, I pray thee, at the word of
'Jehovah to-day.'
6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together,
about four hundred men, and said unto them, 'Shall I go
'against Ramoth in Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?'
And they said, 'Go up; for the Lord will deliver it into
7 'the hand of the king.' And Jehoshaphat said, 'Is there
'not here a prophet of Jehovah besides, that we might
8 'inquire of him?' And the king of Israel said unto Jeho-
shaphat, 'There is yet one man, by whom we may inquire
'of Jehovah. But I hate him; for he doth not prophesy
'good concerning me, but evil. He is Micaiah the son of
'Imlah.' And Jehoshaphat said, 'Let not the king say so.'
9 Then the king of Israel called a chamberlain, and said.
'Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imlah.'
10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah
sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in an
open place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all

the prophets prophesied before them. And Zedekiah the 11
son of Chenaanah made for himself horns of iron. And
he said, 'Thus saith Jehovah, With these shalt thou push
'the Syrians, until thou have consumed them.' And all 12
the prophets prophesied so, saying, 'Go up to Ramoth in
'Gilead, and prosper; for Jehovah will deliver it into the
'king's hand.'

And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake 13
unto him, saying, 'Behold now, the words of the prophets
'speak good unto the king with one mouth. Let thy word,
'I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak
'thou good.' And Micaiah said, 'As Jehovah liveth, what 14
'Jehovah saith unto me, that will I speak.'

So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, 15
'Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth in Gilead to battle,
'or shall we forbear?' And he answered him, 'Go, and
'prosper; for Jehovah will deliver it into the hand of the
'king.' And the king said unto him, 'How many times 16
'shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but what is
'true in the name of Jehovah?' And he said, 'I saw all 17
'Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a
'shepherd. And Jehovah said, These have no master; let
'them return every man to his house in peace.' And the 18
king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, 'Did I not tell thee
'that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?'
And [Micaiah] said, 'Hear thou therefore the word of Jeho- 19
'vah. I saw Jehovah sitting on his throne, and all the
'host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on
'his left. And Jehovah said, Who will entice Ahab, that 20
'he may go up and fall at Ramoth in Gilead? And one said
'on this manner, and another said on that manner. And 21
'there came forth a Spirit, and stood before Jehovah, and
'said, I will entice him. And Jehovah said unto him, 22
'Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be
'a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he
'said, Thou shalt entice him, and prevail also; go forth, and
'do so. Now therefore, behold, Jehovah hath put a lying 23
'spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets; and Jehovah
'hath spoken evil concerning thee.' But Zedekiah the son 24
of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek,
and said, 'Which way went the spirit of Jehovah from me
'to speak unto thee?' And Micaiah said, 'Behold, thou 25

'shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner
25 'chamber to hide thyself.' And the king of Israel said,
'Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the gover-
27 'nor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; and say, Thus
'saith the king, Put this man in the prison, and feed him
'with the bread of affliction and with the water of affliction,
28 'until I come in safety.' And Micaiah said, 'If thou return
'at all in safety, Jehovah hath not spoken by me.' And
he said, 'Hearken, O people, every one of you.'

29 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah
30 went up to Ramoth in Gilead. And the king of Israel said
unto Jehoshaphat, when he disguised himself and entered
into the battle, 'But put thou on thy robes.' And the king
31 of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle. And
the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains
of his chariots, saying, 'Fight neither with small nor great,
32 'save only with the king of Israel.' And it came to pass,
when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they
said, 'Surely it is the king of Israel.' And they turned
33 aside to fight against him. And Jehoshaphat cried out. And
it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived
that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back
from pursuing him.

34 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote
the king of Israel between the joints [of the armour] and
the breastplate; wherefore he said unto the driver of his
chariot, 'Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host;
35 'for I am wounded.' And the battle increased that day.
And the king was propped up in his chariot against the
Syrians, and died at evening; and the blood ran out of the
36 wound into the midst of the chariot. And there went a cry
throughout the camp about the going down of the sun,
saying, 'Every man to his city, and every man to his own
37 'country.' So the king died, and was brought to Samaria;
38 and they buried the king in Samaria. And the chariot was
washed in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his
blood; and the harlots washed in it; according unto the
word of Jehovah which he spake.

39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did,
and the ivory house which he built, and all the cities that
he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chroni-

cles of the kings of Israel? So Ahab slept with his fathers; 40
and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

And JEHOSHAPHAT the son of Asa began to reign over 41
Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel [B.C. 911].
Jehoshaphat was thirty and five years old when he began 42
to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem.
And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.
And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned 43
not aside from it, doing what was right in the eyes of Jehovah. Nevertheless the High Places were not taken away;
for the people sacrificed and burnt incense yet on the High
Places. And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of 44
Israel.

Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might 45
that he shewed, and how he warred, are they not written
in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah? And 46
the remnant of the Sodomites, which remained in the days
of his father Asa, he took out of the land.

There was then no king in Edom; a deputy was king. 47

Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for 48
gold. But they went not; for the ships were broken at
Ezion-geber. Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto 49
Jehoshaphat, 'Let my servants go with thy servants in the
'ships.' But Jehoshaphat would not. And Jehoshaphat 50
slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in
the city of David his father; and Jehoram his son reigned
in his stead [B.C. 890].

AHAZIAH the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in 51
Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of
Judah [B.C. 895], and reigned two years over Israel. And 52
he did evil in the sight of Jehovah, and walked in the way
of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way
of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin; for 53
he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger
Jehovah the God of Israel, according to all that his father
had done.

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS.

1 THEN Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

2 And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick. And he sent messengers, and said unto them, 'Go, inquire of Baal-zebub 'the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this sickness.'

3 But the angel of Jehovah said to Elijah the Tishbite, 'Arise, 'go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and 'say unto them, Is it because there is not a God in Israel,

4 'that ye go to inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? Now 'therefore thus saith Jehovah, Thou shalt not come down 'from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely 'die.' And Elijah departed.

5 And when the messengers returned unto [the king], he

6 said unto them, 'Why are ye now returned?' And they said unto him, 'There came a man up to meet us, and said 'unto us, Go, turn again unto the king who sent you, and 'say unto him, Thus saith Jehovah, Is it because there is 'not a God in Israel, that thou sendest to inquire of Baal-'zebub the god of Ekron? Therefore thou shalt not come 'down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt

7 'surely die.' And he said unto them, 'What manner of 'man was he that came up to meet you, and told you

8 'these words?' And they answered him, 'He was an hairy 'man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins.' And he said, 'It is Elijah the Tishbite.'

9 Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him; and, behold, he sat on the top of the hill. And he spake unto him, 'Thou man of

10 'God, the king hath said, Come down.' And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, 'If I be a man of 'God, then shall fire come down from heaven, and consume 'thee and thy fifty.' And there came down fire from heaven, and it consumed him and his fifty.

11 Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, 'O man 'of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly.'

12 And Elijah answered and said unto them, 'If I be a man

'of God, fire shall come down from heaven, and consume
'thee and thy fifty.' And the fire of God came down from
heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his 13
fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came
and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and
said unto him, 'O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and
'the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight.
'Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and consumed 14
'the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties;
'therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight.' And 15
the angel of Jehovah said unto Elijah, 'Go down with him;
'be not afraid of him.'

And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.
And he said unto him, 'Thus saith Jehovah, Forasmuch 16
'as thou hast sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub the
'god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to
'inquire of his word? Therefore thou shalt not come down
'off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely
'die.' So he died according to the word of Jehovah which 17
Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his stead (in
[or until] the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehosha-
phat king of Judah;) because he had no son. Now the rest 18
of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written
in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

And it came to pass, when Jehovah would take up Elijah 1
into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha
from Gilgal. And Elijah said unto Elisha, 'Tarry here, I 2
'pray thee; for Jehovah hath sent me to Beth-el.' And
Elisha said, 'As Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I
'will not leave thee.' So they went down to Beth-el. And 3
the sons of the prophets that were at Beth-el came forth
to Elisha, and they said unto him, 'Knowest thou that
'Jehovah will take up thy master above thy head to-day?'
And he said, 'Yea, I know it. Hold ye your peace.' And 4
Elijah said unto him, 'Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for
'Jehovah hath sent me to Jericho.' And he said, 'As
'Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave
'thee.' So they came to Jericho.

And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came 5
to Elisha, and said unto him, 'Knowest thou that Jehovah
'will take up thy master above thy head to-day?' And he

6 answered, 'Yea, I know it. Hold ye your peace.' And
Elijah said unto him, 'Tarry, I pray thee, here; for Jeho-
'vah hath sent me to the Jordan.' And he said, 'As Jeho-
'vah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.'
And they two went on.

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood
within sight afar off; and they two stood by the Jordan.
8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together,
and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and
thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that
Elijah said unto Elisha, 'Ask what I shall do for thee,
'before I be taken up away from thee.' And Elisha said,
'I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.'
10 And he said, 'Thou hast asked a hard thing. Neverthe-
'less, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall
11 'be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.' And it
came to pass, as they went on walking, and talked, that,
behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire,
and parted them both asunder. And Elijah went up by a
12 whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it, and he cried,
'My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horse-
'men thereof.' And he saw him no more. And he took
13 hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. He
took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him. And
14 he went back, and stood by the bank of the Jordan; and
he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote
the waters, and said, 'Where is Jehovah the God of Elijah?'
And when he also had smitten the waters, they were divided
hither and thither; and Elisha went over.

15 And when the sons of the prophets who were within
sight at Jericho saw him, they said, 'The spirit of Elijah
'doth rest on Elisha.' And they came to meet him, and
16 bowed themselves to the ground before him. And they
said unto him, 'Behold now, there be with thy servants
'fifty men, sons of strength; let them go, we pray thee, and
'seek thy master; lest peradventure the spirit of Jehovah
'hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or
17 'into some valley.' And he said, 'Ye shall not send.' And
when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, 'Send.'
They sent therefore fifty men. And they sought for three
18 days, but found him not. And when they came again to

him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said unto them, 'Did I 'not say unto you, Go not?'

And the men of the city said unto Elisha, 'Behold, I 19
'pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord
'seeth; but the water is bad, and the ground barren.' And 20
he said, 'Bring me a new dish, and put salt therein.' And
they brought it to him. And he went forth unto the spring 21
of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, 'Thus
'saith Jehovah, I have healed these waters; there shall not
'be from thence any more death or barrenness.' So the 22
waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying
of Elisha which he spake.

And he went up from thence unto Beth-el. And as he 23
was going up by the way, there came forth little children
out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, 'Go
'up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.' And he 24
turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the
name of Jehovah. And there came forth two she bears out
of the wood, and tore forty and two children of them. And 25
he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he
returned to Samaria.

Now JEHORAM the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel 1
in Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king
of Judah [B.C. 894], and reigned twelve years. And he 2
wrought evil in the eyes of Jehovah; only not like his
father, but like his mother. For he put away the image of
Baal that his father had made. Nevertheless he cleaved 3
unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made
Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheep-master, and ren- 4
dered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambs,
and the wool of an hundred thousand rams. But it came 5
to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab re-
belled against the king of Israel. And king Jehoram went 6
out of Samaria the same time, and mustered all Israel. And 7
he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, say-
ing, 'The king of Moab hath rebelled against me. Wilt
'thou go with me against the Moabites to battle?' And he
said, 'I will go up; I am as thou art, my people as thy
'people, and my horses as thy horses.' And he said, 'Which 8
'way shall we go up?' And he answered, 'The way through
'the desert of Edom.' So the king of Israel went, and the 9

king of Judah, and the king of Edom. And they went round about for a seven days' journey; and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them.
10 And the king of Israel said, 'Alas! that Jehovah hath called 'these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand
11 'of the Moabites!' But Jehoshaphat said, 'Is there not 'here a prophet of Jehovah, that we may inquire of Jeho-'vah by him?' And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, 'Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat,
12 'who poured water on the hands of Elijah.' And Jehoshaphat said, 'The word of Jehovah is with him.' So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went
13 down to him. And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, 'What have I to do with thee? Get thee to the prophets 'of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother.' And the king of Israel said unto him, 'Nay; for Jehovah hath 'called these three kings together, to deliver them into the
14 'hand of the Moabites.' And Elisha said, 'As Jehovah of 'hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that 'I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I
15 'would not look toward thee, nor see thee. But now bring 'me a minstrel.' And it came to pass, when the minstrel
16 played, that the hand of Jehovah came upon him. And he
17 said, 'Thus saith Jehovah, Make this valley full of ditches.
'For thus saith Jehovah, Ye shall not see wind, neither 'shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, 'that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your
18 'beasts. And this is but a light thing in the eyes of Jeho-'vah; he will also deliver the Moabites into your hand.
19 'And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice 'city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of 'water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.'
20 And it came to pass in the morning, when the meal offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way
21 of Edom, and the country was filled with water. And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they called together all that were able to put on armour, and upward; and they stood at the boundary.
22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites who were within sight
23 saw the waters as red as blood. And they said, 'This is 'blood. The kings are surely slain, and they have smitten

'one another. Now therefore, Moabites, to the spoil.' And 24
when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose
up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them.
But they went forward there smiting the Moabites. And 25
they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land
cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped
all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees; until
in Kir-haraseth they left the stones thereof. Howbeit the
slingers went about it, and smote it. And when the king 26
of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took
with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break
through even unto the king of Edom; but they could not.
Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in 27
his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the
wall. And there came great indignation over Israel. And
they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

NOW THERE CRIED a certain woman of the wives of the 1
sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, 'Thy servant my
'husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did
'fear Jehovah. And the creditor is come to take unto him
'my two sons to be bond-servants.' And Elisha said unto 2
her, 'What shall I do for thee? Tell me, what hast thou
'in the house?' And she said, 'Thine handmaid hath not
'any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.' Then he said, 3
'Go, borrow for thyself vessels abroad of all thy neighbours,
'even empty vessels. Let them not be few. And when 4
'thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and
'upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels,
'and thou shalt set aside that which is full.' So she went 5
from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons,
who carried to her while she poured out. And it came to 6
pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son,
'Bring me yet a vessel.' And he said unto her, 'There is
'not a vessel more.' And the oil stayed. Then she came 7
and told the man of God. And he said, 'Go, sell the oil,
'and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children on the
'rest.'

AND IT FELL ON A DAY, that Elisha passed to Shunem, 8
where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat
bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned
in thither to eat bread. And she said unto her husband, 9
'Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God,

10 'who passeth by us continually. Let us make a little
'chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him
'there a bed, and a table, and a chair, and a lamp-stand.
'And it may be, when he cometh to us, that he will turn in
11 'thither.' And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and
12 he turned into the chamber, and lay there. And he said to
Gehazi his servant, 'Call this Shunammite.' And when he
13 had called her, she stood before him. And he said unto
him, 'Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been over
'careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for
'thee? Wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the
'captain of the host?' And she answered, 'I dwell among
14 'mine own people.' And he said, 'What then is to be
'done for her?' And Gehazi answered, 'Verily she hath
15 'no child, and her husband is old.' And he said, 'Call her.'
And when he had called her, she stood in the doorway.
16 And he said, 'About the set season, according to the time
'of life, thou shalt embrace a son.' And she said, 'Nay,
'my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine hand-
17 'maid.' And the woman conceived, and bare a son at the
set season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the
time of life.

18 And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that
19 he went out to his father to the reapers. And he said unto
his father, 'My head, my head.' And he said to a lad,
20 'Carry him to his mother.' And when he had taken him,
and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till
21 noon, and then died. And she went up, and laid him on
the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him,
22 and went out. And she called unto her husband, and said,
'Send to me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one
'of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come
23 'again.' And he said, 'Wherefore wilt thou go to him to-
'day? It is neither new moon, nor sabbath.' And she
24 said, 'It shall be well.' Then she saddled an ass, and said
to her servant, 'Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding
25 'for me, except I bid thee.' So she went and came unto
the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass,
when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to
26 Gehazi his servant, 'Behold, that is the Shunammite. Run
'now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well
'with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with

'the child?' And she answered, 'It is well.' And when 27
she came to the man of God to the mountain, she caught
him by his feet. But Gehazi came near to thrust her away.
And the man of God said, 'Let her alone; for her soul is
'vexed within her. And Jehovah hath hid it from me,
'and hath not told me.' Then she said, 'Did I ask a son 28
'of my lord? Did I not say, Do not deceive me?' Then 29
he said to Gehazi, 'Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in
'thine hand, and go thy way. If thou meet any man,
'salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not
'again. And lay my staff upon the face of the child.' And 30
the mother of the child said, 'As Jehovah liveth, and as
'thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.' And he arose, and
followed her. And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid 31
the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither
voice, nor attention. Wherefore he returned to meet him,
and told him, saying, 'The child is not awaked.' And 32
when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child
was dead, and laid upon his bed. He went in therefore, 33
and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto Jeho-
vah. And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put 34
his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and
his hands upon his hands. And he stretched himself upon
him; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. Then he 35
returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went
up, and stretched himself upon him; and the child sneezed
seven times, and the child opened his eyes. And he called 36
Gehazi, and said, 'Call this Shunammite.' So he called
her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, 'Take
'up thy son.' Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and 37
bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and
went out.

And Elisha came again to Gilgal; and there was a famine 38
in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting be-
fore him. And he said unto his servant, 'Set on the great
'pot, and boil pottage for the sons of the prophets.' And 39
one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a
wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full; and
he came and cut them up into the pot of pottage. For they
knew them not. So they poured out for the men to eat. 40
And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage,
that they cried out, and said, 'O thou man of God, there is

41 'death in the pot.' And they could not eat thereof. But
he said, 'Then bring meal.' And he cast it into the pot;
and he said, 'Pour out for the people, that they may eat.'
And there was nothing evil in the pot.

42 And there came a man from Baal-shalisha, and brought to
the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of
barley, and full ears of corn in his bag. And he said, 'Give
43 'unto the people, that they may eat.' And his serving man
said, 'What? Should I set this before an hundred men?'
He said again, 'Give unto the people, that they may eat;
'for thus saith Jehovah, They shall eat, and shall have to
44 'spare.' So he set it before them, and they did eat, and
had to spare, according to the word of Jehovah.

1 Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria,
was a great man with his lord, and honourable, because by
him Jehovah had given deliverance unto Syria. But this
2 warrior of valour was a leper. And the Syrians had gone
out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the
land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's
3 wife. And she said unto her mistress, 'I wish that my
'master were with the prophet that is in Samaria; for he
4 'would recover him of his leprosy.' And [Naaman] went
in, and told his lord, saying, 'Thus and thus said the maid
5 'that is of the land of Israel.' And the king of Syria said,
'Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel.'
And he departed, and took with him ten Kikars [or hundred
weights] of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten
6 changes of raiment. And he brought to the king of Israel the
letter, which said, 'Now when this letter is come unto thee,
'behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou
7 'mayest recover him of his leprosy.' And it came to pass,
when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent
his clothes, and said, 'Am I God, to kill and to make alive,
'that this one doth send unto me to recover a man of his
'leprosy? Wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he
'seeketh a quarrel against me.'

8 And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard
that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to
the king, saying, 'Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes?
'Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there
9 'is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses
and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house

of Elisha. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, 'Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and thy 'flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.' 10
But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, 'Behold, 'I said to myself, He will surely come out, and stand, and 'call on the name of Jehovah his God, and wave his hand 'over the place, and recover the leper. Are not Amana and 11 12
'Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of 'Israel? May I not wash in them, and be clean?' So he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came 13
near, and spake unto him, and said, 'My father, if the pro-'phet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not 'have done it? How much rather then, when he saith 'to thee, Wash, and be clean?' Then went he down, and 14
dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

And he returned to the man of God, he and all his com- 15
pany, and came and stood before him. And he said, 'Be-'hold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, 'but in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing 'from thy servant.' But he said, 'As Jehovah liveth, be- 16
'fore whom I stand, I will receive none.' And he urged him to take it; but he refused. And Naaman said, 'Shall 17
'there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two 'mules' burden of earth? For thy servant will henceforth 'offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, 'but unto Jehovah. In this thing may Jehovah pardon 18
'thy servant, that when my lord goeth into the house of 'Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, 'I also bow myself in the house of Rimmon. When I bow 'down myself in the house of Rimmon, may Jehovah par-'don thy servant in this thing.' And he said unto him, 19
'Go in peace.' So he departed from him a little way.

But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, 20
'Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not 'receiving at his hands that which he brought. But as 'Jehovah liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat 'from him.' So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when 21
Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, 'Is all well?' And he 22
said, 'All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold,

'even now there are come to me from the hill country of
'Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets; give
'them, I pray thee, a Kikar of silver, and two changes of
23 'garments.' And Naaman said, 'Be pleased to take two
'Kikars.' And he urged him, and bound two Kikars of
silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid
them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before
24 him. And when he came to the mount, he took them from
their hand, and bestowed them in the house. And he
25 sent away the men; and they departed. But he went in,
and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him,
'Whence comest thou, Gehazi?' And he said, 'Thy servant
26 'went no whither.' And he said unto him, 'Did not mine
'heart depart, when the man turned again from his chariot
'to meet thee? Is it a time to receive silver, and to receive
'garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and
27 'oxen, and men-servants, and maid-servants? The leprosy
'therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy
'seed for ever.' And he went out from his presence a leper
as white as snow.

1 And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, 'Be-
'hold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too small
2 'for us. Let us go, we pray thee, unto the Jordan, and
'take thence every man a beam, and let us make for our-
'selves a place there, where we may dwell.' And he an-
3 swered, 'Go ye.' And one said, 'Be pleased, I pray thee,
'to go with thy servants.' And he answered, 'I will go.'
4 So he went with them. And when they came to the Jor-
5 dan, they cut down wood. But as one was felling a beam,
the axe head fell into the water. And he cried, and said,
6 'Alas, master!' for it was borrowed. And the man of God
said, 'Where fell it?' And he shewed him the place. And
he cut a stick, and cast it in thither; and it made the iron
7 to swim. And he said, 'Take it up to thee.' And he put
out his hand, and took it.

8 Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took
counsel with his servants, saying, 'In such and such a place
9 'shall be my camp.' And the man of God sent unto the
king of Israel, saying, 'Beware that thou pass not such a
10 'place; for thither the Syrians are come down.' And the
king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God had

told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled 11
for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, 'Will ye not shew me who that belongeth to us is 'for the king of Israel?' And one of his servants said, 'None, 12
'my lord, O king. But Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, 'telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in 'thy bed-chamber.' And he said, 'Go and spy where he 13
'is, that I may send and fetch him.' And it was told him, saying, 'Behold, he is in Dothan.' Therefore sent he 14
thither horses, and chariots, and a great host; and they came by night, and encompassed the city about. And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone 15
forth, behold, an host encompassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, 'Alas, my 'master! how shall we do?' And he answered, 'Fear not; 16
'for they that are with us are more than they that are with 'them.' And Elisha prayed, and said, 'O Jehovah, I pray 17
'thee, open his eyes, that he may see.' And Jehovah opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw. And, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

And when [the Syrians] came down to him, Elisha prayed 18
unto Jehovah, and said, 'Smite this people, I pray thee, 'with blindness.' And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. Then Elisha said unto 19
them, 'This is not the way, neither is this the city. Follow 'me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek.' But he led them to Samaria. And it came to pass, when they 20
were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, 'O Jehovah, open 'the eyes of these men, that they may see.' And Jehovah opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. And the king of Israel said unto 21
Elisha, when he saw them, 'My father, shall I smite them? 'Shall I smite them?' And he answered, 'Thou shalt not 22
'smite them. Wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast 'taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? Set 'bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, 'and may go to their master.' And he prepared great provi- 23
sion for them; and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent

them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

4 And it came to pass after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged
5 Samaria. And there was a great famine in Samaria. And, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a Cab [or
6 three pints] of dove's dung for five pieces of silver. And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, 'Help, my lord, O king.'
7 And he said, 'If Jehovah do not help thee, whence shall I 'help thee? Out of the barnfloor, or out of the winepress?'
8 And the king said unto her, 'What aileth thee?' And she answered, 'This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that 'we may eat him to-day, and we will eat my son to-morrow.
9 'So we boiled my son, and did eat him. And I said unto 'her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him. 'And she hath hid her son.'

10 And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, he had sack-
11 cloth within upon his flesh. Then he said, 'God do so and 'more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat
12 'shall stand on him this day.' But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him. And [the king] sent a man from before him; but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, 'See ye how this son of a murderer hath 'sent to take away mine head? Look, when the messenger 'cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door. Is 'not the sound of his master's feet behind him?'

13 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him. And he said, 'Behold, this 'evil is of Jehovah; why should I wait for Jehovah any
14 'longer?' Then Elisha said, 'Hear ye the word of Jeho-'vah. Thus saith Jehovah, To-morrow about this time 'shall a Seah [or two gallons] of fine flour be sold for a 'Shekel [or two shillings], and two Seahs of barley for a
15 'Shekel, at the city gate of Samaria.' Then a chief-of-three [or chariot warrior] on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, 'Behold, even if Jehovah would 'make windows in the heavens, could this thing be?' And

he said, 'Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but thou 'shalt not eat thereof.'

And there were four leprous men at the entering in of 3
the city gate; and they said one to another, 'Why sit we
'here until we die? If we say, we will enter into the city, 4
'then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there; and
'if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and
'let us desert unto the camp of the Syrians. If they save
'us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but
'die.' And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the 5
camp of the Syrians. And when they were come to the
uttermost part of the camp of the Syrians, behold, there
was no man there. For the Lord had made the host of the 6
Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses,
even the noise of a great host; and they said one to ano-
ther, 'Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings
'of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come
'upon us.' Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, 7
and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even
the camp as it was, and fled for their life. And when these 8
lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went
into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence
silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it. And
they came again, and entered into another tent, and carried
thence also, and went and hid it. Then they said one to 9
another, 'We do not right. This day is a day of good
'tidings, and we hold our peace. If we tarry till the morn-
'ing light, we shall get some punishment. Now therefore
'come, that we may go and tell the king's household.' So 10
they came and called unto the door-keeper of the city.
And they told them, saying, 'We came to the camp of the
'Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice
'of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as
'they were.' And he called the door-keepers; and they 11
told it to the king's house within.

And the king arose in the night, and said unto his ser- 12
vants, 'Let me now shew you what the Syrians have done
'to us. They know that we suffer hunger; therefore are
'they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field,
'saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch
'them alive, and get into the city.' And one of his ser- 13

vants answered and said, 'Let some take, I pray thee, five
'of the horses that remain, which are left here, (behold,
'they that are consumed are as all the multitude of the
14 'Israelites,) and let us send and see.' They took therefore
two chariot horses; and the king sent after the host of
15 the Syrians, saying, 'Go and see.' And they went after
them unto the Jordan. And, lo, all the way was full of
garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in
their hasty flight. And the messengers returned, and told
the king.

16 And the people went out, and plundered the camp of
the Syrians. So a Seah of fine flour was sold for a Shekel,
and two Seahs of barley for a Shekel, according to the
17 word of Jehovah. And the king appointed the chief-of-
three on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the
city gate. But the people trod upon him in the city gate,
and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake
18 when the king came down to him. And it came to pass as
the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, 'Two Seahs
'of barley for a Shekel, and a Seah of fine flour for a Shekel,
'shall be to-morrow about this time at the city gate of
19 'Samaria.' And that chief-of-three had answered the man
of God, and said, 'Now, behold, even if Jehovah should
'make windows in the heavens, could such a thing be?'
And he said, 'Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes,
20 'but thou shalt not eat thereof.' And so it fell out unto
him. For the people trod upon him at the city gate, and
he died.

VIII. 1 Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had
restored to life, saying, 'Arise, and go thou and thine
'household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn;
'for Jehovah hath called for a famine; and it will also come
2 'upon the land seven years.' And the woman arose, and
did after the saying of the man of God; and she went with
her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines
3 for seven years. And it came to pass at the seven years'
end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philis-
tines. And she went forth to cry unto the king for her
4 house and for her field. And the king talked with Gehazi
the servant of the man of God, saying, 'Recount to me, I
'pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done.'
5 And it came to pass, as he was recounting to the king how

he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her field. And Gehazi said, 'My lord, O 'king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha 'restored to life.' And when the king asked the woman, 6
she recounted it to him. So the king appointed unto her a certain chamberlain, saying, 'Restore all that was hers, 'and all the increase of the field since the day that she left 'the land, even until now.'

And Elisha came to Damascus. And Ben-hadad the king 7
of Syria was sick. And it was told him, saying, 'The man 'of God is come hither.' And the king said unto Hazael, 8
'Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of 'God, and inquire of Jehovah by him, saying, Shall I re- 'cover from this sickness?' So Hazael went to meet him, 9
and took a present in his hand, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, 'Thy son Ben-hadad king of Syria hath 'sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover from this sick- 'ness?' And Elisha said unto him, 'Go, say unto him, 10
'Thou mayest certainly recover. Howbeit Jehovah hath 'shewed me that he shall certainly die.' And he settled 11
his countenance steadfastly, until he was ashamed. And the man of God wept. And Hazael said, 'Why weepeth 12
'my lord?' And he answered, 'Because I know the evil 'that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel. Their strong- 'holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou 'slay with the sword, and wilt dash to pieces their babes, 'and rip up their women with child.' And Hazael said, 13
'But what, is thy servant a dog, that he should do this 'great thing?' And Elisha answered, 'Jehovah hath shewed 'me that thou wilt be king over Syria.' So he departed 14
from Elisha, and came to his lord; who said to him, 'What 'said Elisha to thee?' And he answered, 'He told me that 'thou shouldest certainly recover.' And it came to pass 15
on the morrow, that [Hazael] took a thick cloth, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died; and Hazael reigned in his stead.

And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of 16
Israel [B. C. 890], while Jehoshaphat was yet king of Judah, JEHORAM the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign. Thirty and two years old was he when he began to 17

8 reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. And he
walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house
of Ahab; for the daughter of Ahab was his wife, and he
9 did evil in the sight of Jehovah. Yet Jehovah would not
destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he promised
him to give to him always a lamp, and to his children.
10 In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah,
11 and made a king over themselves. So Joram went over to
Zair, and all the chariots with him. And he rose by night,
and smote the Edomites who encompassed him about, and
the captains of the chariots. And the people fled into their
12 tents. And Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah
13 unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time. And
the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are they
not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of
14 Judah? And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried
with his fathers in the city of David. And Ahaziah his
son reigned in his stead.
15 In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of
Israel [B.C. 883] did AHAZIAH the son of Jehoram king of
16 Judah begin to reign. Two and twenty years old was
Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year
in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the
17 daughter of Omri king of Israel. And he walked in the
way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of
Jehovah, as did the house of Ahab; for he was the son-in-
18 law of the house of Ahab. And he went with Joram the
son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria at
19 Ramoth in Gilead. And the Syrians wounded Joram. And
king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds
which the Syrians had given him at Ramoth, when he
fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the
son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the
son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.
20 21 And Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the
prophets, and said unto him, 'Gird up thy loins, and take
'this vial of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramoth in Gilead.
22 'And when thou comest thither, look out there for Jehu
'the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi; and go in, and
23 'make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him
'to an inner chamber. Then take the vial of oil, and pour
'it on his head, and say, Thus saith Jehovah, I have

'anointed thee to be king over Israel. Then open the door,
'and flee, and tarry not.'

So the young man, the servant of the prophet, went to 4
Ramoth in Gilead. And when he came, behold, the cap- 5
tains of the host were sitting; and he said, 'I have an
'errand to thee, O captain.' And Jehu said, 'Unto which
'of all us?' And he said, 'To thee, O captain.' And he 6
arose, and went into the house. And he poured the oil on
his head, and said unto him, 'Thus saith Jehovah the God
'of Israel, I have anointed thee to be king over the people
'of Jehovah, even over Israel. And thou shalt smite the 7
'house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of
'my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants
'of Jehovah, upon Jezebel. For the whole house of Ahab 8
'shall perish; and I will cut off from Ahab every man and
'boy, whether prisoner or left at large in Israel. And I 9
'will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam
'the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of
'Ahijah. And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the field of 10
'Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her.' And he
opened the door, and fled.

Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord. And 11
one said unto him, 'Is all well? Wherefore came this
'madman to thee?' And he said unto them, 'Ye know the
'man, and his communication.' And they said, 'It is false; 12
'tell us now.' And he said, 'Thus and thus spake he to
'me, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, I have anointed thee to
'be king over Israel.' Then they hastened, and took every 13
man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the
stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, 'Jehu is king.' So 14
Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired
against Joram. (Now Joram had kept watch in Ramoth
in Gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria.
But king Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the 15
wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought
with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, 'If it be your
'minds, then let none escape to go forth out of the city to
'go to tell it in Jezreel.'

So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for 16
Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come
down to see Joram. And there stood a watchman on the 17
tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he

came, and said, 'I see a company.' And Joram said, 'Take
'an horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say,
3 'Is it peace?' So there went one on horseback to meet
him, and said, 'Thus saith the king, Is it peace?' And
Jehu said, 'What hast thou to do with peace? Turn thee
'behind me.' And the watchman told, saying, 'The mes-
4 'senger came to them, but he cometh not again.' Then he
sent out a second on horseback, who came to them, and
said, 'Thus saith the king, Is it peace?' And Jehu an-
swered, 'What hast thou to do with peace? Turn thee
5 'behind me.' And the watchman told, saying, 'He came
'even unto them, and cometh not again. And the driving
'is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he
'driveth furiously.' And Joram said, 'Make ready.' And
his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and
Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and
they went out against Jehu, and met him in the field of
6 Naboth the Jezreelite. And it came to pass, when Joram
saw Jehu, that he said, 'Is it peace, Jehu?' And he an-
swered, 'Why should it be peace, so long as the whoredoms
'of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?'
7 And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah,
'There is treachery, O Ahaziah.' And Jehu drew a bow
with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms,
and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in
8 his chariot. Then said [Jehu] to Bidkar a chief-of-three
[or chariot warrior], 'Take him up, and cast him into the
'portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite. For re-
'member how that, when I and thou rode together after
'Ahab his father, Jehovah laid this burden upon him [say-
9 'ing], Surely I have seen in time past the blood of Naboth,
'and the blood of his sons, I Jehovah have said it; and I
'will requite thee in this parcel of ground, I Jehovah have
'said it. Now therefore take and cast him into the parcel
'of ground, according to the word of Jehovah.'
10 But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled
by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after
him, and said, 'Smite him also in the chariot.' It was at
the hill-road to Gur, which is by Ibleam. And he fled to
11 Megiddo, and died there. And his servants carried him
in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre
12 with his fathers in the city of David. And in the eleventh

year of Joram the son of Ahab [B.C. 884] began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.

And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of 30
it; and she painted her eyes, and dressed her head, and
looked out at a window. And as Jehu entered in at the 31
city gate, she said, 'Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?'
And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, 'Who 32
'is on my side? Who?' And there looked out to him
two or three chamberlains. And he said, 'Throw her down.' 33
So they threw her down. And some of her blood was
sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses. And he trod
her under foot. And when he was come in, he did eat 34
and drink, and said, 'Go, see now to this cursed woman, and
'bury her; for she is a king's daughter.' And they went to 35
bury her. But they found no more of her than the scull,
and the feet, and the palms of her hands. Wherefore they 36
came again, and told him. And he said, 'This is the word
'of Jehovah, which he spake by the hand of his servant
'Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the parcel of ground of
'Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel; and the carcase 37
'of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the
'parcel of ground of Jezreel; so that they shall not say,
'This is Jezebel.'

And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu 1
wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel,
the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's children,
saying, 'Now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing 2
'your master's sons are with you, and there are with you
'chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and arms; look 3
'even out the best and meetest of your master's sons, and
'set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's
'house.' But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, 'Be- 4
'hold, two kings could not stand before him; how then
'shall we stand?' And he that was over the house, and 5
he that was over the city, the elders also, and the bringers
up of the children, sent to Jehu, saying, 'We are thy ser-
'vants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us. We will not
'make any king. Do thou what is good in thine eyes.'
Then he wrote a letter a second time to them, saying, 'If 6
'ye be mine, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye
'the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me
'to Jezreel by this time to-morrow.' Now the king's sons,

being seventy men, were with the great men of the city,
7 who had brought them up. And it came to pass, when
the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and
slew them, seventy men, and put their heads in baskets,
and sent them to him at Jezreel.
8 And there came a messenger, and told him, saying,
'They have brought the heads of the king's sons.' And he
said, 'Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the
9 'city gate until the morning.' And it came to pass in the
morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the
people, 'Ye are righteous. Behold, I conspired against my
0 'master, and slew him; but who slew all these? Know
'therefore that there shall fall to the ground nothing of the
'word of Jehovah, which Jehovah spake concerning the
'house of Ahab. For Jehovah hath done that which he
1 'spake by his servant Elijah.' So Jehu slew all that re-
mained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great
men, and his companions, and his priests, until he left him
none remaining.
2 And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. And
as he was at a shearing house of shepherds on the way,
3 Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah,
and said, 'Who are ye?' And they answered, 'We are the
'brethren of Ahaziah; and we go down to salute the chil-
1 'dren of the king and the children of the queen.' And he
said, 'Take them alive.' And they took them alive, and
slew them at the pit of the shearing house, even two and
forty men; neither left he a man of them.
5 And when he was departed thence, he found Jehonadab
the son of Rechab coming to meet him. And he blessed him,
and said to him, 'Is thine heart right, as my heart is
'with thy heart?' And Jehonadab answered, 'It is.' 'If
'it be, give me thine hand.' And he gave him his hand,
6 and took him up to him into the chariot. And he said,
'Come with me, and see my zeal for Jehovah.' So they
7 made him ride in his chariot. And when he came to Sa-
maria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till
he had destroyed him, according to the saying of Jehovah,
which he spake to Elijah.
18 And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto
them, 'Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu will serve him
19 'much. Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of

'Baal, all who serve him, and all his priests; let none be
'wanting; for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal. Whoso-
'ever shall be wanting, he shall not live.' But Jehu did it
in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy those who
served Baal. And Jehu said, 'Sanctify a day of restraint 20
'for Baal.' And they proclaimed it. And Jehu sent through 21
all Israel. And all those who served Baal came, so that
there was not a man left that came not. And they came
into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from
one end to another. And he said unto him that was over 22
the wardrobe, 'Bring forth vestments for all those who
'serve Baal.' And he brought them forth vestments. And 23
Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the
house of Baal, and said unto those who served Baal, 'Search,
'and look that there be here with you none of those who
'serve Jehovah, but those who serve Baal only.' And when 24
they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu
appointed fourscore men without, and said, 'The man who
'allows the escape of any of the men whom I have brought
'into your hands, his life shall be instead of the life of
'him.' And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end 25
of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the runners
and to the chiefs-of-three [or chariot warriors], 'Go in, and
'slay them; let none come forth.' And they smote them
with the edge of the sword. And the runners and the
chiefs-of-three cast them out, and then went to the city of the
house of Baal. And they brought forth the images out 26
of the house of Baal, and burned them. And they brake 27
down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal,
and made it a draught house unto this day. Thus Jehu 28
destroyed Baal out of Israel.

Howbeit from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, 29
who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them,
to wit, the golden calves that were in Beth-el, and that
were in Dan. And Jehovah said unto Jehu, 'Because thou 30
'hast done well in executing what is right in mine eyes,
'and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all
'that was in mine heart, thy children of the fourth genera-
'tion shall sit on the throne of Israel.' But Jehu took no 31
heed to walk in the law of Jehovah the God of Israel with
all his heart; for he departed not from the sins of Jero-
boam, who made Israel to sin.

In those days Jehovah began to cut Israel short; and Hazael smote them in all the boundaries of Israel; from the Jordan toward the rising of the sun, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites; from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, even unto Gilead and Bashan.

Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel? And Jehu slept with his fathers. And they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead. And the days that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria were twenty and eight years.

And when ATHALIAH the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal. But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons who were slain. And they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. And he was with her hidden in the House of Jehovah for six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land.

And on the seventh year [B.C. 877] Jehoiada sent and fetched the captains over hundreds, with the axe-bearers and the runners, and brought them to him into the House of Jehovah, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath from them in the House of Jehovah, and then shewed them the king's son. And he commanded them, saying, 'This is the thing that ye shall do. Of you that enter in 'on the sabbath, a third part shall be keepers of the watch 'of the king's house; and a third part shall be at the Gate 'of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the runners. 'So shall ye keep the watch of the House, that it be not 'broken down. And of all you that go forth on the sab-'bath, two parts shall keep the watch of the House of 'Jehovah about the king. And ye shall encompass the 'king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; 'and he that cometh unto the ranks, let him be slain. 'And be ye with the king as he goeth out and as he cometh 'in.' And the captains over the hundreds did according to all things that Jehoiada the Priest commanded. And they took every man his men that were to come in on the

sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the Priest. And to the captains over hundreds did the Priest give king David's spears and shields, that were in the House of Jehovah. And the runners stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right corner of the House to the left corner of the House, against the Altar and against the House. And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the Testimonials; and they made him king, and anointed him. And they clapped their hands, and said, 'May the king live.'

And when Athaliah heard the noise of the runners and of the people, she came to the people into the House of Jehovah. And when she looked, behold, the king stood upon a pillar, as the manner was, and the captains and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets. And Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried 'Treason, Treason.' But Jehoiada the Priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said unto them, 'Lead her forth within the 'ranks; and let him that followeth her kill her with the 'sword.' For the Priest had said, 'Let her not be slain in 'the House of Jehovah.' And they laid hands on her; and she went by the way by the which the horses came into the king's house; and there was she slain.

And Jehoiada made a covenant between Jehovah and the king and the people, that they should be Jehovah's people; between the king also and the people. And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the Priest appointed to the offices in the House of Jehovah. And he took the captains over hundreds, and the axe-bearers, and the runners, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the House of Jehovah, and came by the way of the gate of the runners to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings. And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet; and they slew Athaliah with the sword at the king's house. Seven years old was Jehoash when he began to reign.

In the seventh year of Jehu [B.C. 877] JEHOASH began

to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba. And Jehoash did what was right in the sight of Jehovah all his days wherein Jehoiada the Priest instructed him. But the High Places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense on the High Places.

And Jehoash said to the priests, 'All the money of the 'holy things that is brought into the House of Jehovah, 'even the current money of every one, the money that every 'soul is rated at, and all the money that cometh into any man's 'heart to bring into the House of Jehovah, let the priests 'take it to themselves, every man from his friend; and let 'them repair the breaches of the House, wheresoever any 'breach shall be found.' But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the House.

Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the Priest, and the other priests, and said unto them, 'Why repair ye not 'the breaches of the House? Now therefore receive no 'more money from your friends, but deliver it for the 'breaches of the House.' And the priests consented to receive no more money from the people, neither to repair the breaches of the House. But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the House of Jehovah. And the priests that kept the door put therein all the money that was brought into the House of Jehovah.

And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put it up in bags, and counted the money that was found in the House of Jehovah. And they gave the money, when weighed, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the House of Jehovah; and they brought it forth to the carpenters and builders, that worked upon the House of Jehovah, and to the masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the House of Jehovah, and for all that was laid out for the House to repair it. Howbeit there were not made for the House of Jehovah bowls of silver, snuffers, sprinkling vessels, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money that was brought into the House of Jehovah. But they gave that

to the workmen, and repaired therewith the House of Jehovah. Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be given to the workmen; for they dealt faithfully. The guilt money and sin money was not brought into the House of Jehovah; it was the priests'.

Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath[-hepher], and took it. And Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem. And Jehoash king of Judah took all the holy things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had made holy, and his own holy things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the House of Jehovah, and in the king's house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria. And he went away from Jerusalem.

And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah? And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and slew Joash in the house near Millo [or the Embankment], which goeth down to the Silla [or Siloah]. For Jozachar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died. And they buried him with his fathers in the city of David; and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

In the three and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah [B.C. 855] JEHOAHAZ the son of Jehu began to reign for seventeen years over Israel in Samaria. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, all their days. And Jehoahaz besought the face of Jehovah, and Jehovah hearkened unto him; for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them. (And Jehovah gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians. And the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, as beforetime. Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel to sin, but walked therein; and there remained the ~~grove of~~ Ashēra also in Samaria.) Neither did

he leave of the people to Jehoahaz but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand men on foot; for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust to be trampled on.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the Book of
9 the Chronicles of the kings of Israel? And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria; and Joash his son reigned in his stead.

10 In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king of Judah [B.C. 841] began JEHOASH the son of Jehoahaz to reign
11 over Israel in Samaria, for sixteen years. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah. He departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel
12 to sin; but he walked therein. And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might wherewith he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written
13 in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel? And Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne. And Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

14 Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, 'O my father, my father,
15 'the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.' And Elisha said unto him, 'Take a bow and arrows.' And he
16 took unto him a bow and arrows. And he said to the king of Israel, 'Put thine hand upon the bow.' And he put his hand upon it. And Elisha put his hands upon the king's
17 hands. And he said, 'Open the window eastward.' And he opened it. Then Elisha said, 'Shoot.' And he shot. And he said, 'The arrow of Jehovah's deliverance, and the 'arrow of deliverance from Syria. For thou shalt smite 'the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them.'
18 And he said, 'Take the arrows.' And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, 'Smite upon the ground.'
19 And he smote thrice, and stayed. And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, 'Thou shouldest have smitten 'five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou 'hadst consumed it. Whereas now thou shalt smite Syria
20 'but thrice.' And Elisha died, and they buried him.

And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the

coming in of the year. And it came to pass, as they were 21
burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and
they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha. And when
the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha,
he came to life, and stood up on his feet.

But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days 22
of Jehoahaz. And Jehovah was gracious unto them, and 23
had compassion on them, and turned unto them, because of
his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would
not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence
as yet. So Hazael king of Syria died; and Ben-hadad his 24
son reigned in his stead. And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz 25
returned and took out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of
Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of
Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash beat
him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of 1
Israel [B.C. 838] reigned AMAZIAH the son of Joash king
of Judah. He was twenty and five years old when he 2
began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in
Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of
Jerusalem. And he did what was right in the sight of 3
Jehovah, yet not like David his father. He did according
to all things as Joash his father did. Howbeit the High 4
Places were not taken away. As yet the people did sacri-
fice and burnt incense on the High Places.

And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was con- 5
firmed in his hand, that he slew his servants who had slain
the king his father. But the children of the murderers he 6
slew not; according unto that which is written in the Book
of the Law of Moses [Deut. xxiv. 16], wherein Jehovah
commanded, saying, *The fathers shall not be put to death for
the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers;
but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.*

He slew in the Valley of Salt ten thousand Edomites, 7
and took Selah [or Petra] by war, and called the name of
it Joktheel unto this day.

Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of 8
Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, 'Come, let us
'look one another in the face.' And Jehoash the king of 9
Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, 'The thistle
'that was on Lebanon sent to the cedar that was on Leba-

'non, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife. But
'there passed by a wild beast that was on Lebanon, and
10 'trod down the thistle. Thou hast indeed smitten Edom,
'and thine heart hath lifted thee up. Glory thou at this,
'and tarry at home. For why shouldest thou rush into
'trouble, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Judah
11 'with thee?' But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jeho-
ash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of
Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-shemesh,
12 which belongeth to Judah. And Judah was smitten down
13 before Israel; and they fled every man to their tents. And
Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the
son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh; and
he came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jeru-
salem from the Gate of Ephraim unto the Corner Gate, four
14 hundred cubits. And he took all the gold and silver, and
all the vessels that were found in the House of Jehovah,
and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and
returned to Samaria.

15 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and
his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah,
are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the
16 kings of Israel? And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and
was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jero-
boam his son reigned in his stead.

17 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after
the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen
18 years. And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not
written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?
19 And they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and
he fled to Lachish. But they sent after him to Lachish,
20 and slew him there. And they brought him on horses;
and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city
21 of David. And all the people of Judah took Azariah, who
was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his
22 father Amaziah. He had built Elath, and restored it to
Judah. After that the king slept with his fathers.

23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king
of Judah [B.C. 824] JEROBOAM the son of Joash king of
Israel began to reign in Samaria for forty and one years.
24 And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah. He
departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,

who made Israel to sin. He restored the boundary of Israel 25
from the Pass of Hamath unto the Sea of the Barren Valley,
according to the word of Jehovah the God of Israel, which
he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of
Amittai, the prophet, who was of Gath-hepher. For Jeho- 26
vah saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter; for
there remained none, whether prisoner or left at large, nor
was there any helper for Israel. And Jehovah said not 27
that he would blot out the name of Israel from under
heaven; but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the
son of Joash.

Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, 28
and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Da-
mascus, and Hamath, [which had belonged] to Judah, for
Israel, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles
of the kings of Israel? And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, 29
even with the kings of Israel [B. C. 784]; and [eleven years
later] Zachariah his son reigned in his stead.

In the twenty and seventh [or sixteenth] year of Jero- 1
boam king of Israel [B. C. 809] began AZARIAH [or UZZIAH]
son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign. Sixteen years old 2
was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two and
fifty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jecho-
liah of Jerusalem. And he did what was right in the sight 3
of Jehovah, according to all that his father Amaziah had
done; save that the High Places were not removed; the 4
people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places.
And Jehovah smote the king, so that he was a leper unto 5
the day of his death, and dwelt in a separate house. And
Jotham the king's son was over the house, judging the
people of the land.

And the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, 6
are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the
kings of Judah? So Azariah slept with his fathers; and 7
they buried him with his fathers in the city of David; and
Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

In the thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah 8
[B. C. 772] did ZACHARIAH the son of Jeroboam reign over
Israel in Samaria for six months. And he did what was 9
evil in the sight of Jehovah, as his fathers had done. He
departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,
who made Israel to sin. And Shallum the son of Jabesh 10

conspired against him, and smote him before the people,
11 and slew him, and reigned in his stead. And the rest of
the acts of Zachariah, behold, they are written in the Book
12 of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel. This was the word
of Jehovah which he spake unto Jehu, saying, 'Thy sons
'shall sit on the throne of Israel unto the fourth genera-
'tion.' And so it came to pass.

13 SHALLUM the son of Jabesh began to reign in the nine
and thirtieth year of Uzziah [or Azariah] king of Judah
14 [B.C. 771], and he reigned a full month in Samaria. For
Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came
to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Sa-
15 maria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. And the
rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he
made, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chroni-
cles of the kings of Israel.

16 Then MENAHEM smote Tiphsah, and all that were therein,
and the boundaries thereof from Tirzah. Because they
opened not to him, therefore he smote it; and all the women
17 therein that were with child he ripped up. In the nine
and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah [B.C. 771]
began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel for
18 ten years in Samaria. And he did what was evil in the
sight of Jehovah. He departed not all his days from the
sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

19 Pul the king of Assyria came against the land. And
Menahem gave Pul a thousand Kikars [or hundred weights]
of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the
20 kingdom in his hand. And Menahem exacted the money
from Israel, even from all the mighty men of wealth, for
each man fifty Shekels [or 100 shillings] of silver, to give
to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back,
21 and stayed not there in the land. And the rest of the acts
of Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in
22 the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel? And
Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son
reigned in his stead.

23 In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah [B.C. 760]
PEKAHIAH the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel
24 in Samaria for two years. And he did what was evil in
the sight of Jehovah. He departed not from the sins of
25 Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. But

Pekah the son of Remaliah, one of his chiefs-of-three [or chariot warriors], conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria, in the strong tower of the king's house, with Argob and Ariah, and with him fifty men of the sons of the Gileadites; and he killed him, and reigned in his room. And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel.

In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah [B.C. 758] PEKAH the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria for twenty years. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah. He departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

In the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel near Beth-maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Assyria. And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, (and [ten years later] reigned in his stead,) in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah [B.C. 739]. And the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel.

In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel [B.C. 757] began JOTHAM the son of Uzziah king of Judah to reign. Five and twenty years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok. And he did what was right in the sight of Jehovah; he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done. Howbeit the High Places were not removed; the people sacrificed and burned incense still in the High Places. He built the Upper Gate of the House of Jehovah.

Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah? In those days Jehovah began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah. And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah

[B.C. 742] AHAZ the son of Jotham king of Judah began
2 to reign. Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to
reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did
not do what was right in the sight of Jehovah his God,
3 like David his father. But he walked in the way of the
kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to pass through the
fire, according to the abominations of the nations, whom
4 Jehovah cast out from before the children of Israel. And
he sacrificed and burnt incense on the High Places, and on
the hills, and under every green tree.
5 Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah
king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war; and they be-
6 sieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him. At that time
Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the
Jews from Elath. And the Edomites came to Elath, and
dwell there unto this day.
7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of As-
syria, saying, 'I am thy servant and thy son. Come up,
'and save me out of the grasp of the king of Syria, and out
'of the grasp of the king of Israel, who rise up against me.'
8 And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the
House of Jehovah, and in the treasures of the king's house,
9 and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria. And the
king of Assyria hearkened unto him; for the king of As-
syria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried
the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.
10 And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser
king of Assyria. And he saw the altar that was at Da-
mascus; and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the Priest the like-
ness of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all
11 the workmanship thereof. And Urijah the Priest built an
altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Da-
mascus; so Urijah the Priest made it against king Ahaz
12 came from Damascus. And when the king was come from
Damascus, the king saw the altar. And the king approached
13 to the altar, and offered thereon. And he burnt his burnt
offering and his meal offering, and poured his drink offer-
ing, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, upon the
14 altar. And he brought also the copper altar, which was
before Jehovah, from the front of the House, from between
the [Great] Altar and the House of Jehovah, and put it on
15 the north side of the Altar. And king Ahaz commanded

Urijah the priest, saying, 'Upon the Great Altar burn the
'morning burnt offering, and the evening meal offering,
'and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his meal offering, with
'the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their
'meal offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon
'it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of
'the sacrifice; and the copper altar shall be for me to in-
'quire by.' And Urijah the Priest did according to all 16
that king Ahaz commanded. And king Ahaz cut off the 17
panels of the basin-stands, and removed the Laver [or
basin] from off them; and took down the Water-cistern
from off the copper oxen that were under it, and put it upon
the pavement of stones. And the covering for the sabbath 18
that they had built on to the House, and the king's entry
on the outside, turned he from the House of Jehovah for
the king of Assyria.

Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they 19
not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of
Judah? And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried 20
with his fathers in the city of David; and Hezekiah his
son reigned in his stead.

In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah [B.C. 731] 1
began HOSHEA the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over
Israel for nine years. And he did what was evil in the 2
sight of Jehovah, but not as the kings of Israel that were
before him. Against him came up Shalmaneser king of 3
Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him
presents. And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in 4
Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to Seve king of Egypt,
and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as he had
done year by year. Therefore the king of Assyria shut him
up, and bound him in prison.

And the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, 5
and went up to Samaria, and besieged it for three years.
In the ninth year of Hoshea [B.C. 722] the king of Assyria 6
took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and
placed them in Halah, and in Habor by the river of Gozan,
and in the cities of the Medes. For so it was, that the 7
children of Israel had sinned against Jehovah their God,
who had brought them up out of the land of Lower Egypt,
from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and they
had feared other gods, and they walked in the statutes of the 8

nations, whom Jehovah cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.
9 And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against Jehovah their God, and they built them High Places in all their cities, from the tower of the
10 watchmen to the fenced city. And they set them up images and groves of Ashera on every high hill, and under every
11 green tree. And there they burnt incense in all the High Places, as did the nations whom Jehovah had carried away before them; and they wrought wicked things to provoke
12 Jehovah to anger; for they served filthy idols, whereof Jeho-
13 vah had said unto them, 'Ye shall not do this thing.' And Jehovah protested against Israel, and against Judah, by the hand of all the prophets, and all the seers, saying, 'Turn 'ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and 'my statutes, according to all the Law which I commanded 'your fathers, and which I sent to you by the hand of my
14 'servants the prophets.' Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their
15 fathers, that did not believe in Jehovah their God. And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies by which he protested against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the nations that were round about them, concerning whom Jehovah had charged them, that
16 they should not do like them. And they left all the commandments of Jehovah their God, and made for themselves molten images, even two calves, and made a grove of Ashera, and worshipped all the host of the heavens, and served
17 Baal. And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of Jeho-
18 vah, to provoke him to anger. Therefore Jehovah was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his presence.
19 There was none left but the tribe of Judah only. Also Judah kept not the commandments of Jehovah their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.
20 And Jehovah rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of plunderers, until
21 he had cast them out of his presence. For he rent Israel from the house of David, and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king. And Jeroboam drove Israel from following

Jehovah, and made them sin a great sin. For the children 2
of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did;
they departed not from them; until Jehovah removed Israel 2
out of his presence, as he had said by the hand of all his
servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of
their own land to Assyria unto this day.

And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, 2
and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and
from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria
instead of the children of Israel. And they possessed Sa-
maria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. And so it was at 2
the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not
Jehovah; therefore Jehovah sent lions among them, which
slew some of them. Wherefore they spake to the king of 2
Assyria, saying, 'The nations which thou hast removed,
'and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner
'of the God of the land. Therefore he hath sent lions
'among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they
'know not the manner of the God of the land.' Then the 2
king of Assyria commanded, saying, 'Carry thither one of
'the priests whom ye carried away from thence; and let
'them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the
'manner of the God of the land.' Then one of the priests 2
whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt
in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear Jehovah.

Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put 2
them in the houses of the High Places which the Samari-
tans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they
dwelt. And the men of Babylon made Tabernacles for 3
damsels, and the men of Cuthah made Nergal, and the men
of Hamath made Ashima, and the Avites made Nibhaz and 3
Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to
Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.
And there were some who feared Jehovah, and made unto 3
themselves of the lowest of them priests of the High Places,
who sacrificed for them in the houses of the High Places.
And some feared Jehovah, and some served their own gods, 3
after the manner of the nations who had carried away [the
Israelites] from thence. Unto this day they do after the 3
former manners. They fear not Jehovah, neither do they
after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law
and commandment which Jehovah commanded the children

of Jacob, whom he named Israel; with whom Jehovah had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, 'Ye shall not 'fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve 'them, nor sacrifice to them. But Jehovah, who brought 'you up out of the land of Lower Egypt with great power 'and stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall 'ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice. And the sta-'tutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the command-'ment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for 'evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods. And the 'covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; 'neither shall ye fear other gods. But Jehovah your God 'ye shall fear; and he will deliver you out of the hand of 'all your enemies.' Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner. So these nations feared Jehovah, and yet served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children. As did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel [B.C. 728], that HEZEKIAH the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Abi, the daughter of Zachariah. And he did what was right in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that David his father had done. He removed the High Places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves of Ashera, and brake in pieces the copper serpent that Moses had made. For unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it. And he called it Nehushtan. He trusted in Jehovah the God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him. For he clave to Jehovah, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which Jehovah had commanded Moses. And Jehovah was with him. He prospered whithersoever he went forth; and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not. He smote the Philistines, even unto Gaza, and the boundaries thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah [B.C. 724], which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came

up against Samaria, and besieged it. And at the end of 10
three years they took it; even in the sixth year of Hezekiah, that is the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel [B. C. 722], Samaria was taken. And the king of Assyria did carry 11
away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah, and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes; because they obeyed not the voice of Jehovah their God, 12
but transgressed his covenant, and all that Moses the servant of Jehovah had commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them.

Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah [B. C. 714] 13
did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them. And Hezekiah king 14
of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, 'I have offended; return from me. That which thou put-'test on me will I bear.' And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred Kikars [or hundred weights] of silver and thirty Kikars of gold. And Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the 15
House of Jehovah, and in the treasures of the king's house. At that time did Hezekiah cut off [the gold] from the doors 16
of the Great Hall [of the Temple] of Jehovah, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and he gave it to the king of Assyria.

And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rab-saris [or 17
the chief chamberlain] and Rab-shakeh [or the chief butler] from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the Upper Pool, which is in the highway of the uller's field. And when they had called to the king, there 18
:ame out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder. And Rab-shakeh said unto them, 19
'Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the 'king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou 'trustest? Thou speakest only words of the lips, as counsel 20
'and strength for war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that 'thou hast rebelled against me? Now, behold, thou trustest 21
'thyself upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt, 'on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce 'it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on

22 'him. But if ye say unto me, We trust in Jehovah our
'God; is not that he, whose High Places and whose altars
'Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and
'Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?
23 'Now therefore, I pray thee, give hostages to my lord the
'king of Assyria, and I will deliver to thee two thousand
'horses, if thou be able on thy part to put chariots to them.
24 'How then wilt thou turn away the face of one Pasha [or
'captain] of the least of my master's servants, and put thy
25 'trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? Am I now
'come up without Jehovah against this place to destroy it?
'Jehovah said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy
26 'it.' Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna,
and Joah, unto Rab-shakeh, 'Speak, I pray thee, to thy
'servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it.
'And talk not with us in the Jewish language in the ears
27 'of the people that are on the wall.' But Rab-shakeh said
unto them, 'Hath my master sent me to thy master, and
'to thee, to speak these words? Hath he not sent me to
'the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their
28 'own dung, and drink their own urine with you?' Then
Rab-shakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jewish
language, and spake, saying, 'Hear the word of the great
29 'king, the king of Assyria. Thus saith the king, Let not
'Hezekiah deceive you; for he will not be able to deliver
30 'you out of his hand. Neither let Hezekiah make you
'trust in Jehovah, saying, Jehovah will surely deliver us,
'and this city will not be delivered into the hand of the
31 'king of Assyria. Hearken not to Hezekiah; for thus saith
'the king of Assyria, Make peace with me, and come out
'to me, and then eat ye every man of his own vine, and
'every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters
32 'of his cistern; until I come and take you away to a land
'like your own land, a land of corn and grape juice, a land
'of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey,
'that ye may live, and not die. And hearken not unto
'Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, Jehovah will
33 'deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered
'at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?
34 'Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? Where
'are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Avah? Have they
35 'delivered Samaria out of mine hand? Who are they among

'all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their
'country out of mine hand, that Jehovah should deliver
'Jerusalem out of mine hand?' But the people held their 36
peace, and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, saying, 'Answer him not.' Then came 37
Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab-shakeh.

And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that 1
he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the House of Jehovah. And he sent Eliakim, 2
who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. And they said unto him, 3
'Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and
'of rebuke, and scoffing; for the children are come to the
'birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. It may 4
'be Jehovah thy God will hear all the words of Rab-shakeh,
'whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach
'the living God; and will reprove the words which Jeho-
'vah thy God hath heard. Therefore lift up thy prayer
'for the remnant that are left.' So the servants of king 5
Hezekiah came to Isaiah. And Isaiah said unto them, 6
'Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith Jehovah,
'Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with
'which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed
'me. Behold, I will send a breath upon him, and he shall 7
'hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I
'will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.'

So Rab-shakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria 8
warring against Libnah; for he had heard that he had moved his camp from Lachish. And when he heard say 9
of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, 'Behold, he is come out to
'fight against thee;' he sent messengers again unto Heze-
kiah, saying, 'Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of 10
'Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest
'deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into
'the hand of the king of Assyria. Behold, thou hast heard 11
'what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by de-
'stroying them utterly. And shalt thou be delivered? Have 12
'the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers

'have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and
13 'the children of Eden who were in Tel-ashar? Where is
'the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king
'of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Avah?'
14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the
messengers, and read it. And Hezekiah went up into the
15 House of Jehovah, and spread it before Jehovah. And
Hezekiah prayed before Jehovah, and said, 'O Jehovah God
'of Israel, who dwellest between the cherubs, thou art the
'God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth;
16 'thou hast made the heavens and the earth. O Jehovah,
'bow down thine ear, and hear. Open, O Jehovah, thine
'eyes, and see. And hear the words of Sennacherib, who
17 'hath sent him to reproach the living God. Of a truth, O
'Jehovah, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations
18 'and their lands, and have cast their gods into the fire; for
'they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and
19 'stone; therefore they have destroyed them. Now there-
'fore, O Jehovah our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out
'of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know
20 'that thou, Jehovah, art God, even thou only.' Then
Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, 'Thus
'saith Jehovah the God of Israel, That which thou hast
'prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have
21 'heard. This is the word that Jehovah hath spoken con-
'cerning him;
'She despiseth thee, she laugheth thee to scorn,
'The virgin the daughter of Zion;
'She hath shaken her head at thee,
'The daughter of Jerusalem.
22 'Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed?
'And against whom hast thou exalted thy voice,
'And lifted up thine eyes on high?
'Even against the Holy One of Israel.
23 'By the hand of thy messengers thou hast reproached the
'Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots
'I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides
'of Lebanon, and I will cut down the tall cedar trees thereof,
'and the choice fir trees thereof; and I will enter into its
'remotest lodgings, and into the thicket of its garden [or
24 'Carmel]. I have digged and have drunk up the waters of

'the enemy, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up
'all the canals of Lower Egypt.
'Hast thou not heard long ago how I did it, 25
'And of ancient times that I purposed it?
'Now have I brought it to pass, that it is for thee
'To lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps.
'And their inhabitants were of small power, 26
'They were dismayed and confounded;
'They were as grass of the field, and the green herb,
'As grass on the house tops, or blight on a stalk of corn.
'But thy abode, and thy going out and thy coming in, 27
'I know, and thy rage against me.
'Because thy rage against me 28
'And thy wantonness are come up into mine ears,
'I will put my hook in thy nose,
'And my bridle in thy lips,
'And turn thee back the way by which thou camest.
'And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this 29
'year what groweth of itself, and in the second year that
'which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow
'ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and ye shall eat the
'fruits thereof.
'And the escaped of the house of Judah shall continue, 30
'Those left shall take root downward, and bear fruit upward.
'For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, 31
'And they that escape out of mount Zion;
'The zeal of Jehovah of hosts shall do this.
'Therefore thus saith Jehovah concerning the king of 32
'Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an
'arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a
'siege-mound against it. By the way that he came, by the 33
'same shall he return, and he shall not come into this city,
'Jehovah hath said it. For I will be a shield to this city, to 34
'save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.'

And it came to pass that night, that the angel of Jehovah 35
went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand. And when men arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses. So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and re- 36
turned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

37 (And it came to pass [in B.C. 683], as he was worship-
ping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech
and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword. And they
escaped into the land of Ararat [or Armenia]. And Esar-
haddon his son reigned in his stead.)

1 In those days [B.C. 713] was Hezekiah sick unto death.
And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and
said unto him, 'Thus saith Jehovah, Set thine house in
2 'order; for thou shalt die, and not live.' Then he turned
3 his face to the wall, and prayed unto Jehovah, saying, 'I
'beseech thee, O Jehovah, remember now how I have
'walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and
'have done what is good in thy sight.' And Hezekiah
4 wept sore. And it came to pass, before Isaiah was gone
out into the middle [or lower] city, that the word of Jeho-
5 vah came to him, saying, 'Turn again, and tell Hezekiah
'the captain of my people, Thus saith Jehovah, the God
'of David thy father; I have heard thy prayer, I have seen
'thy tears; behold, I will heal thee; on the third day thou
6 'shalt go up unto the House of Jehovah. And I will add
'unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and
'this city out of the grasp of the king of Assyria; and I
'will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my ser-
'vant David's sake.'

7 And Isaiah said, 'Take a cake of figs.' And they took
8 and laid it on the boil, and he recovered. And Hezekiah
said unto Isaiah, 'What shall be the sign that Jehovah will
'heal me, and that I shall go up into the House of Jehovah
9 'on the third day?' And Isaiah said, 'This sign shalt thou
'have from Jehovah, that Jehovah will do the thing that
'he hath spoken. Shall the shadow go forward ten degrees,
10 'or go back ten degrees?' And Hezekiah answered, 'It is
'a light thing for the shadow to grow longer ten degrees;
'nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.'
11 And Isaiah the prophet cried unto Jehovah. And he brought
the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone
down on the sun-dial of Ahaz.

12 At that time Berodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king
of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah; for
13 he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. And Hezekiah
hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his
spicery, the silver, and the gold, and the scents, and the

precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures; there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, 'What said these men? And from whence 'came they unto thee?' And Hezekiah said, 'From a far 'country, they are come from Babylon.' And he said, 'What have they seen in thine house?' And Hezekiah answered, 'All the things that are in mine house have they 'seen. There is nothing among my treasures that I have 'not shewed them.' And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, 'Hear 'the word of Jehovah. Behold, days will come, when all 'that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have 'laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Baby-'lon. Nothing shall be left, saith Jehovah. And some of 'thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, 'shall they take away; and they shall be chamberlains in 'the palace of the king of Babylon.' Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, 'Good is the word of Jehovah which thou hast 'spoken.' And he said, 'Is it not enough, if peace and 'truth be in my days?'

And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah? And Hezekiah slept with his fathers; and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

MANASSEH was twelve years old when he began to reign [B. C. 698], and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hephzi-bah. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah, after the abominations of the nations, whom Jehovah cast out before the children of Israel. For he built up again the High Places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove of Ashera, as did Ahab king of Israel; and he worshipped all the host of the heavens, and served them. And he built altars in the house of Jehovah, of which Jehovah said, 'In Jerusalem will I put my name.' And he built altars for all the host of the heavens in the two courts of the House of Jehovah. And he made his son to pass through the fire, and observed clouds, and used enchantments, and dealt with speaking bottles [or ventrilo-

quism] and wizards; he wrought much wickedness in the
7 sight of Jehovah, to provoke him to anger. And he set
a graven image of Ashera that he had made in the House,
of which Jehovah had said to David, and to Solomon his
son, 'In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen
'out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever.
8 'Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out
'of the land which I gave their fathers; if they will only
'observe to do according to all that I have commanded
'them, and according to all the Law that my servant Moses
9 'commanded them.' But they hearkened not. And Ma-
nasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations
whom Jehovah destroyed from before the children of Israel.
10 And Jehovah spake by the hand of his servants the
11 prophets, saying, 'Because Manasseh king of Judah hath
'done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above
'all that the Amorites did, who were before him, and hath
12 'made Judah also to sin with his filthy idols; therefore
'thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel, Behold, I am bring-
'ing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whoso-
13 'ever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. And I will
'stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plum-
'met of the house of Ahab. And I will wipe Jerusalem
'as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside
14 'down. And I will forsake the remnant of mine inherit-
'ance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies;
'and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their ene-
15 'mies; because they have done that which was evil in my
'sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their
'fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.'
16 Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till
he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside
his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing what was
evil in the sight of Jehovah.
17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he
did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the
18 Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah? And Ma-
nasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden
of his own house, in the garden of Uzza; and Amon his
son reigned in his stead.
19 Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to
reign [B.C. 643], and he reigned two years in Jerusalem.

And his mother's name was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. And he did what was evil in the sight 20
of Jehovah, as his father Manasseh had done. And he 21
walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the filthy idols that his father served, and worshipped them.
And he forsook Jehovah the God of his fathers, and walked 22
not in the way of Jehovah. And the servants of Amon 23
conspired against him, and killed the king in his own house.
And the people of the land slew all them that had con- 24
spired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they 25
not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah? And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden 26
of Uzza; and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

JOSIAH was eight years old when he began to reign [B. C. 1
641], and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath. And he did what was right in the sight of 2
Jehovah, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah 3
[B. C. 624], that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the House of Jehovah, saying, 'Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum 4
'up the silver which is brought into the House of Jehovah, 'which the keepers of the door have gathered from the 'people. And let them deliver it into the hand of those doers 5
'of the work, that have the oversight of the House of Jeho- 'vah; and then let them give it to the doers of the work that 'are in the House of Jehovah, to repair the breaches of the 'House, to the carpenters, and builders, and masons, and 6
'to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the House.' How- 7
beit there was no reckoning made with them of the silver that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the 8
scribe, 'I have found a Book of the Law in the House of 'Jehovah.' And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and 9
brought the king word again, and said, 'Thy servants have 'melted [or coined] the silver that was found in the House,

'and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the
'work, that have the oversight of the House of Jehovah.'
10 And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, 'Hilkiah
'the Priest hath delivered me a book.' And Shaphan read
11 it before the king. And it came to pass, when the king
had heard the words of the Book of the Law, that he rent
12 his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest,
and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of
Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant
13 of the king's, saying, 'Go ye, inquire of Jehovah for me,
'and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the
'words of this book that is found; for great is the wrath of
'Jehovah that is kindled against us, because our fathers
'have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do
'according unto all that which is written concerning us.'
14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and
Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess,
the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas,
keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in
the second [or lower city];) and they communed with her.
15 And she said unto them, 'Thus saith Jehovah the God of
16 'Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me, Thus saith Jeho-
'vah; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon
'the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the Book
17 '[Deut. xxix. 25] which the king of Judah hath read; *Be-*
'cause they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto
'other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the
'works of their hands; therefore my wrath is kindled against
18 *'this place, and shall not be quenched.* But to the king of
'Judah who sent you to inquire of Jehovah, thus shall ye
'say to him, Thus speaketh Jehovah the God of Israel, As
19 'touching the words which thou hast heard; because thine
'heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before
'Jehovah, when thou heardest what I spake against this
'place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should
'become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes,
'and wept before me, I also have hearkened; Jehovah hath
20 'said it. Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy
'fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace;
'and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring
'upon this place.' And they brought the king word again.
21 And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the

elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. And the king went up 2
into the House of Jehovah, and all the men of Judah and
all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests,
and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great.
And he read in their ears all the words of the Book of the
Covenant which was found in the House of Jehovah. And 3
the king stood upon a pillar, and made a covenant before
Jehovah, to walk after Jehovah, and to keep his command-
ments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their
heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this cove-
nant that were written in this book. And all the people
stood to the covenant. And the king commanded Hilkiah 4
the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and
the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the Great Hall
[of the temple] of Jehovah all the vessels that were made
for Baal, and for Ashera, and for all the host of the heavens;
and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of the
Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Beth-el. And 5
he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of
Judah had ordained, and who burned incense in the High
Places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about
Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to
the sun, and to the moon, and to the signs of the Zodiac,
and to all the host of the heavens. And he brought out the 6
image of Ashera from the House of Jehovah, without Jeru-
salem, unto the valley of the Kidron, and burned it in the
valley of the Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and
cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of
the people. And he brake down the houses of the Sodom- 7
ites, that were by the House of Jehovah, where the women
wove tents for Ashera. And he brought all the priests out 8
of the cities of Judah, and defiled the High Places where
the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beer-sheba,
and brake down the High Places at the city gates that were
in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the
city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the
city. Nevertheless the priests of the High Places came not 9
up to the altar of Jehovah in Jerusalem, but they did eat
of the unleavened bread among their brethren. And he 10
defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of
Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter
to pass through the fire to Molech. And he took away the 11

images of horses that the kings of Judah had given to the Sun, at the entering in of the House of Jehovah, near the chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs [or lower city], and burned the chariots of the
12 sun with fire. And the altars that were on the roof of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the House of Jehovah, did the king beat down, and brake them down from thence, and cast the dust of them
13 into the valley of the Kidron. And the High Places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the Mount of Corruption [or of Olives], which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtaroth the abomination of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Molech the abomination of the chil-
14 dren of Ammon, did the king defile. And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves of Ashera, and filled their places with the bones of men.

15 Moreover the altar that was at Beth-el, and the High Place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the High Place he brake down, and burned the High Place, and stamped it small
16 to powder, and burned the grove of Ashera. And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there on the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of Jehovah which the man of God
17 proclaimed, who proclaimed these words. Then he said, 'What grave-stone is that that I see?' And the men of the city told him, 'It is the sepulchre of the man of God, who 'came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou
18 'hast done against the altar of Beth-el.' And he said, 'Let 'him alone; let no man move his bones.' So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria.

19 And all the houses also of the High Places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to call forth Wrath, Josiah took away, and did to them
20 according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el. And he sacrificed upon the altars all the priests of the High Places that were there, and he burned the men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

And the king commanded all the people, saying, 'Keep 21
'the passover unto Jehovah your God, as it is written in
'this Book of the Covenant.' Surely there was not holden 22
such a passover from the days of the Judges that judged
Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and kings
of Judah. But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah [B.C. 23
624], this passover was holden to Jehovah in Jerusalem.

Moreover the speaking bottles [of the ventriloquists], 24
and the wizards, and the Teraphim [or images], and the
filthy idols, and all the abominations that were seen in
the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away,
so that he might perform the words of the law which were
written in the book that Hilkiah the Priest found in the
house of Jehovah. And like unto him was there no king 25
before him, that turned to Jehovah with all his heart, and
with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all
the Law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like
him.

Notwithstanding Jehovah turned not from the fierceness 26
of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against
Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had
provoked him with. And Jehovah said, 'I will remove 27
'Judah also from before my face, as I have removed Israel,
'and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen,
'and the House of which I said, My name shall be there.'

Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, 28
are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the
kings of Judah?

In his days Pharaoh Nechoh king of Egypt went up 29
against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates. And
king Josiah went against him. And [Nechoh] slew him at
Megiddo, when he had seen him. And his servants carried 30
him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to
Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. And the
people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and
anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

JEHOAHAZ was twenty and three years old when he 31
began to reign [B.C. 610]; and he reigned three months
in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the
daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. And he did what was 32
evil in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that his fathers
had done. And Pharaoh Nechoh put him in bands at 33

Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land to a tribute of an hundred
31 Kikars of silver, and a Kikar of gold. And Pharaoh Nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father. And he turned his name to Jehoiakim. And he took Jehoahaz away. And he came to Egypt, and died there.

35 And JEHOIAKIM gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the command of Pharaoh. He exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his
36 taxation, to give it unto Pharaoh Nechoh. Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign [B.C. 610]; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of
37 Rumah. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that his fathers had done.

1 In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant for three years; then he
2 turned and rebelled against him. And Jehovah sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of Jehovah, which he spake by the hand of his servants
3 the prophets. Surely at the command of Jehovah came this upon Judah, to remove them from before his face, for the
4 sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did; and also for the innocent blood that he shed; for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which Jehovah would not pardon.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of
6 the kings of Judah? So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers;
7 and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead. And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land; for the king of Babylon had taken from the valley of Lower Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

8 JEHOIACHIN was eighteen years old when he began to reign [B.C. 600], and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name was Nehushta, the daughter of
9 Elnathan of Jerusalem. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that his father had done.

At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of 10
Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was be-
sieged. And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against 11
the city, and his servants did besiege it. And Jehoiachin 12
the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and
his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his cham-
berlains; and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth
year of his [Nebuchadnezzar's] reign. And he carried out 13
thence all the treasures of the House of Jehovah, and the
treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels
of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the Great
Hall [of the temple] of Jehovah, as Jehovah had said. And 14
he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all
the warriors of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all
the carpenters and smiths. None remained, save the poorest
sort of the people of the land. And he carried away Jehoia- 15
chin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's
wives, and his chamberlains, and the mighty of the land,
those carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.
And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and car- 16
penters and smiths a thousand, all that were warriors and
apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought cap-
tive to Babylon. And the king of Babylon made Mat- 17
taniah his father's brother king in his stead. And he
changed his name to Zedekiah.

Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began 18
to reign [B.C. 599], and he reigned eleven years in Jerusa-
lem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter
of Jeremiah of Libnah. And he did what was evil in the 19
sight of Jehovah, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.
For through the anger of Jehovah it came to pass in Jeru- 20
salem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his pre-
sence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign [B.C.
590], in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month,
that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his
army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it. And
they built forts against it round about. And the city was
besieged until the eleventh year of king Zedekiah [B.C.
589]. And on the ninth day of the [fourth] month the
famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for
the people of the land. And the city was broken up, and

all the men of war [fled] by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden; (now the Chaldees were against the city round about;) and [the king]
5 went the way toward the Barren Valley. And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the barren plains of Jericho; and all his army were scat-
6 tered from him. So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judg-
7 ment upon him. And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and the eyes of Zedekiah they made blind; and they bound him with fetters of copper, and carried him to Babylon.

8 And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon [B.C. 589], came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusa-
9 lem. And he burnt the House of Jehovah, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great
10 man's house burnt he with fire. And all the army of the Chaldees, that were with the captain of the guard, brake
11 down the walls of Jerusalem round about. And the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the deserters that deserted to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the rabble, did Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carry
12 away. But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen.

13 And the pillars of copper that were in the House of Jehovah, and the basin-stands, and the copper water-cistern that was in the House of Jehovah, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and they carried the copper of them to Babylon.
14 And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the [incense] ladles, and all the vessels of copper wherewith
15 they ministered, took they away. And of the censers, and the sprinkling vessels, and such things as were of gold, the captain of the guard took away the gold, and of such as
16 were of silver, the silver. The two pillars, one water-cistern, and the basin-stands which Solomon had made for the House of Jehovah; the copper of all these vessels was with-
17 out weight. The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the capital upon it was copper; and the height of the capital three cubits; and the trellis work, and pome-

granates upon the capital round about, all of copper. And like unto these had the second pillar with trellis work.

And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door. And out of the city he took a chamberlain that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that waited upon the king's presence, who were found in the city, and the scribe the captain of the host, who mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land that were found in the city. And Nebuzar-adan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

And as for the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, governor. And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men. And Gedaliah sware to them, and to their men, and said unto them, 'Fear not to be the servants of 'the Chaldees. Dwell in the land, and serve the king of 'Babylon; and it will be well with you.' But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah. And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and went to Lower Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldees.

AND IT CAME TO PASS in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah [B. C. 563], in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison. And he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with

29 him in Babylon; and changed his prison garments. And
he did eat bread continually in his presence all the days of
30 his life. And his allowance was a continual allowance given
him from the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days
of his life.

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES.

1 ADAM,
Seth,
Enosh,
2 Kenan,
Mahalaleel,
Jered,
3 Henoch,
Methuselah,
Lamech,
4 Noah,
Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

5 The sons of JAPHETH; Gomer [or the Cymerians], and
Magog [or the Scythians], and Madai [or the Medes], and
Javan [or the Ionians], and Tubal [or the Tibareni], and
Meshech [or the Moschi], and Tiras [or the Thracians].
6 And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and To-
garmah [or the Armenians].
7 And the sons of Javan; Elishah [or Greece], and Tarshish
[or Tarsus], Chittim [or the Cyprians], and Dodanim [or the
Rhodians].
8 The sons of HAM; Cush [or Ethiopia], and Mizraim [or
Lower Egypt], Phut [or the north coast of Africa], and
Canaan.
9 And the sons of Cush; Seba [or Meroë], and Havilah [in
Arabia], and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtecha. And the
sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.
10 And Cush begat Nimrod [or Nineveh]; he was the first to
be mighty upon the earth.
11 And Mizraim begat Ludim [or the Egyptian Arabs], and
Anamim, and Lehabim [or the Libyans], and Naphtuhim,
12 and Pathrusim [or Upper Egypt], and Casluhim, (of whom
came the Philistines,) and Caphthorim.
13 And Canaan begat Sidon his firstborn, and Heth [or
14 the Hittites], and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, and the
15 Girgashites, and the Hivites, and the Arkites, and the
16 Sinites, and the Arvadites, and the Zemarites, and the
Hamathites.
17 The sons of SHEM; Elam [or Western Persia], and Asshur

[or Assyria], and Arep-Cheshed [or the Chaldees], and Lud [or the Lydians], and Aram [or the Syrians], and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech. And Arep-Cheshed begat 18
Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber [or the Hebrews]. And 19
unto Eber were born two sons; the name of the one was Peleg [or Division], because in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan [or Arabia Felix].

And Joktan begat Almodad, 20
and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,
and Hadoram [or Hadramout], and Uzal, and Diklah, 21
and Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba, and Ophir, 22
and Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of 23
Joktan.

Shem,	24	Reu,
Arep-Cheshed,		Serug, 26
Shelah,		Nahor,
Eber,	25	Terah,
Peleg,		

Abram; the same is Abraham. 27

The sons of Abraham; Isaac, and Ishmael. 28
These are their generations. The firstborn of Ishmael, Ne- 29
baioth [or the Nabatæans];
then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,
Mishma, and Dumah, Mesha, Hadad, and Tema, 30
Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These were the sons of 31
Ishmael.

Now the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine; she 32
bare Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.

And the sons of Jokshan; Sheba, and Dedan. And the 33
sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Henoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah.

And Abraham begat Isaac. 34
The sons of Isaac; Esau, and Israel.
The sons of Esau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, 35
and Korah.
The sons of Eliphaz; Teman, and Omar, Zephi, and Gatam, 36
Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek [or the Amalekites].
The sons of Reuel; Nahath, Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. 37

And the sons of Seir; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, 38
and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezar, and Dishan.

39 And the sons of Lotan; Hori, and Homam; and Timna was
Lotan's sister.
40 The sons of Shobal; Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal,
Shephi, and Onam.
And the sons of Zibeon; Aiah, and Anah.
41 The sons of Anah; Dishon.
And the sons of Dishon; Amram, and Eshban, and Ithran,
and Cheran.
42 The sons of Ezer; Bilhan, and Zavan, and Jaakan.
The sons of Dishan; Uz, and Aran.
43 Now these were the kings that reigned in THE LAND OF EDOM
before any king reigned over the children of Israel; Bela
the son of Beor. And the name of his city was Dinhabah.
44 And when Bela was dead, Jobab the son of Zerah of
Bozrah reigned in his stead.
45 And when Jobab was dead, Husham of the land of the
Temanites reigned in his stead.
46 And when Husham was dead, Hadad the son of Bedad,
who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead.
And the name of his city was Avith.
47 And when Hadad was dead, Samlah of Masrekah reigned
in his stead.
48 And when Samlah was dead, Shaul of Rehoboth by the
River reigned in his stead.
49 And when Shaul was dead, Baal-hanan the son of Achbor
reigned in his stead.
50 And when Baal-hanan was dead, Hadad reigned in his
stead; and the name of his city was Pai; and his wife's
name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter
51 of Mezahab. And Hadad died.
And the princes of Edom were; the prince of Timnah,
the prince of Aliah, the prince of Jetheth,
52 the prince of Aholibamah, the prince of Elah,
53 the prince of Pinon [or Punon], the prince of Kenaz,
the prince of Teman, the prince of Mibzar,
54 the prince of Migdiel, the prince of Iram.
These were the princes of Edom.
1 These were the SONS OF ISRAEL;
Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,
2 Issachar, and Zebulun, Dan, Joseph,
and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

The SONS OF JUDAH were Er, and Onan, and Shelah; 3
which three were born unto him of the daughter of Shua
the Canaanitess. And Er, the firstborn of Judah, was evil
in the sight of Jehovah; and he slew him. And Tamar 4
his daughter in law bare him Pharez and Zerah. All the
sons of Judah were five.
The sons of Pharez were Hezron, and Hamul. 5
And the sons of Zerah were Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, 6
and Calcol, and Darda; five of them in all.
And the sons of Carmi were Achar [or Troubler], the 7
troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the accursed thing.
And the sons of Ethan; Azariah. 8
The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him, were 9
Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Calubai [or Caleb].
And Ram begat Amminadab; 10
And Amminadab begat Nahshon, a prince of the children
of Judah;
And Nahshon begat Salma, 11
and Salma begat Boaz,
and Boaz begat Obed, 12
and Obed begat Jesse,
and Jesse begat his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the 13
second, and Shimma the third, Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai 14
the fifth, Ozem the sixth, David the seventh; and their 15
sisters were Zeruiah, and Abigail. 16
And the sons of Zeruiah were Abishai, and Joab, and
Asahel, three.
And Abigail bare Amasa; and the father of Amasa was 17
Jether the Ishmaelite.
And Caleb the son of Hezron begat children of Azubah 18
his wife, and of Jerioth. And her sons are these; Jesher,
and Shobab, and Ardon. And when Azubah was dead, 19
Caleb took unto him Ephratha, who bare him Hur. And 20
Hur begat Uri. And Uri begat Bezaleel. And afterward 21
Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of
Gilead, whom he married when he was threescore years
old; and she bare him Segub. And Segub begat Jair, who 22
had three and twenty cities in the land of Gilead. And 23
he took from Geshur and Syria the Hamlets of Jair, with
Kenath, and its suburbs, even threescore cities. All these
belonged to the sons of Machir the father of Gilead. And 24

after that Hezron was dead in Caleb-ephratah, then Abiah Hezron's wife bare him Ashur the father of Tekoa.

25 And the sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron were, Ram the firstborn, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, and
26 Ahijah. Jerahmeel had also another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.
27 And the sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel were,
28 Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker. And the sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada.
29 And the sons of Shammai were Nadab, and Abishur. And the name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail, and she bare him Ahban, and Molid.
30 And the sons of Nadab were Seled, and Appaim. And Seled died without children.
31 And the sons of Appaim were Ishi.
And the sons of Ishi were Sheshan.
And the children of Sheshan, Ahlai.
32 And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai were Jether,
33 and Jonathan; and Jether died without children. And the sons of Jonathan were Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.
34 Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan
35 had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha. And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife; and she bare him Attai.
36 And Attai begat Nathan,
and Nathan begat Zabad,
37 and Zabad begat Ephlal,
and Ephlal begat Obed,
38 and Obed begat Jehu,
and Jehu begat Azariah,
39 and Azariah begat Helez,
and Helez begat Eleasah,
40 and Eleasah begat Sisamai,
and Sisamai begat Shallum,
41 and Shallum begat Jekamiah,
and Jekamiah begat Elishama.
42 Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were, Mesha his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph; and the
43 sons of Moreshah the father of Hebron.—And the sons of Hebron were Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.
44 —And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jorkoam.—And

Rekem begat Shammai.—And the son of Shammai was 45
Maon.—And Maon was the father of Beth-zur.
And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bare Haran, and Moza, and 46
Gazez.—And Haran begat Gazez.—And the sons of Jahdai 47
were Regem, and Jotham, and Geshan, and Pelet, and
Ephah, and Shaaph.
Maachah, Caleb's concubine, bare Sheber, and Tirhanah. 48
She bare also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the 49
father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibea; and the
daughter of Caleb was Achsa.

These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur, the first- 50
born of Ephratha; Shobal the father of the City of Jearim
[or the Forests], Salma the father of Beth-lehem, Hareph 51
the father of Beth-gader.—And Shobal the father of the 52
City of Jearim had sons; Haroeh, and half of the Mana-
hethites. And the families of the City of Jearim were, the 53
Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the
Mishraites; of them came the Zareathites, and the Esh-
taulites.—The sons of Salma were Beth-lehem, and the 54
Netophathites, Ataroth of the house of Joab, and half of
the Manahethites, the Zorites.

And the families of the scribes that dwelt at Jabez were 55
the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and Suchathites. These
are the Kenites [or Arabs] that came of Hemath, the father
of the house of Rechab [or the chariot-drivers].

Now these were THE SONS OF DAVID, which were born 1
unto him in Hebron; the firstborn, Amnon, of Ahinoam
the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, of Abigail the Carmel-
itess; the third, Absalom the son of Maachah the daughter 2
of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah the son of
Haggith; the fifth, Shephatiah of Abital; the sixth, Ith- 3
ream by Eglah his wife. These six were born unto him in 4
Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months;
and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years.

And these were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shimea, and 5
Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bath-shua, the
daughter of Ammiel; Ibhar also, and Elishama, and Eli- 6
phelet, and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, and Elishama, 7
and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. These were all the sons 8
of David, beside the sons of the concubines, and Tamar 9
their sister.
And Solomon's son was Rehoboam [king, B.C. 971]. 10

Abia his son [B.C. 954],
Asa his son [B.C. 951],
Jehoshaphat his son [B.C. 911],
11 Joram his son [B.C. 890],
Ahaziah his son [B.C. 883],
Joash, his son [B.C. 877],
12 Amaziah his son [B.C. 838],
Azariah his son [B.C. 809],
Jotham his son [B.C. 757],
13 Ahaz his son [B.C. 742],
Hezekiah his son [B.C. 727],
Manasseh his son [B.C. 698],
14 Amon his son [B.C. 643],
Josiah his son [B.C. 641].

15 And the sons of Josiah were, the firstborn Johanan, the second Jehoiakim [or Eliakim, B.C. 610], the third Zedekiah [or Mattaniah, B.C. 599], the fourth Shallum [or Jehoahaz, B.C. 610].

16 And the sons of Jehoiakim; Jeconiah [or Jehoiachin, B.C. 600], his son, Zedekiah his son.

17 And the sons of Jeconiah; Assir, Salathiel his son, and
18 Malchiram, and Pedaiah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

19 And the sons of Pedaiah were, Zerubbabel [B.C. 535], and Shimei.

And the sons of Zerubbabel were, Meshullam, and Hana-
20 niah, and Shelomith their sister, and Hashubah [a sister], and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hesediah who dwelt at Hesed, five.

21 And the sons of Hananiah were, Pelatiah, and Jesaiah; the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah.

22 And the sons of Shechaniah; Shemaiah (and the sons of Shemaiah), Hattush [B.C. 479], and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six.

23 And the sons of Neariah; Elioenai, and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.

24 And the sons of Elioenai were, Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiah, and Anani, seven.

1 THE SONS OF JUDAH;
Pharez,

Hezron [his son],
and Carmi [or Caleb his son],
and Hur [his son], and Shobal.
And Reaiah the son of Shobal begat Jahath; and Jahath 5
begat Ahumai, and Lahad. These are the families of the
Zorathites.
And these were of the father of Etam; Jezreel, and Ishma, 6
and Idbash; and the name of their sister was Hazelelponi;
and Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of 7
Hushah. These are the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephra-
thah, the father of Beth-lebem.
And Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and 8
Naarah. And Naarah bare him Ahuzam, and Hepher, and
Temeni, and Ahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah.
And the sons of Helah were, Zereth, and Jezoar, and 9
Ethnan.
And Coz begat Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of
Aharhel the son of Harum.
And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren; and 10
his mother called his name Jabez [or Sorrowful], saying,
'Because I bare him with sorrow.' And Jabez called on
the God of Israel, saying, 'Oh that thou wouldest bless
'me indeed, and enlarge my boundary, and that thine hand
'might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from
'evil, that it may not make me sorrowful!' And God
granted him that which he requested.
And Chelub the brother of Shuah begat Mehir, who was 11
the father of Eshton. And Eshton begat Beth-rapha, and
Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of the city of Nahash.
These are the men of Rechah.
And the sons of Kenaz; Othniel, and Seraiah; and the 13
sons of Othniel; Hathath. And Meonothai begat Ophrah. 14
And Seraiah begat Joab, the father of the valley of Cha-
rashim [or Carpenters]; for they were carpenters.
And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, 15
and Naam; and the sons of Elah, even Kenaz.
And the sons of Jehaleleel; Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and 16
Asareel.
And the sons of Ezra were, Jether, and Mered, and Epher, 17
and Jalon. And [Bithiah the wife of Mered] bare Miriam,
and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa. And 18
his wife Jehudiah [or the Jewess] bare Jered the father

of Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these are the sons of Bithiah
19 the daughter of a Pharaoh, whom Mered took, and the sons of his wife Hudiah [or Jehudiah] the sister of Naham, the father of Keilah the Garmite and of Eshtemoa the Maachathite.
20 And the sons of Shimon were, Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi were, Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth.
21 The sons of Shelah the son of Judah were, Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Moreshah, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the
22 house of Ashbea, and Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who were lords in Moab, and the inha-
23 bitants of Lehem. And these are ancient things. These were the potters, and those that dwelt in plantations and walled yards. There they dwelt for the king upon his work.
24 The sons of Simeon were, Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, and Shaul;
25 Shallum his son,
Mibsam his son,
Mishma his son.
26 And the sons of Mishma;
Hamuel his son,
Zacchur his son,
Shimei his son.
27 And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family
28 multiply, like to the children of Judah. And they dwelt
29 at Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and the village of Shual, and
30 at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad, and at Bethuel, and
31 at Hormah, and at Ziklag, and at Beth-marecaboth [or House of Chariots], and the village of Susim [or of Horses], and at Beth-birei, and at Shaaraim. These were their cities
32 unto the reign of David. And their villages were, Etam,
33 and Ain-rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities; and all their villages that were round about the same cities, unto Baal. These were their habitations.
34 And this was their genealogy; even Meshobab, and
35 Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah, and Joel, and Jehu the son of Josibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of

Asiel, and Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and 36
Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah, and Ziza the 37
son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son
of Shimri, the son of Shimaiah [or Shimei].
These who came of known names were princes in their 38
families; and the house of their fathers increased greatly.
And they went to the entrance of Geder, even unto the 39
east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks. And 40
they found fat pasture and good, and the land was wide, and
quiet, and peaceable; for some of Ham had dwelt there
aforetime. And these written by name came in the days of 41
Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the
Maonites that were found there, and destroyed them utterly
unto this day, and dwelt in their rooms; because there was
pasture there for their flocks. And some of these, even of 42
the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir,
having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Re-
phaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi. And they smote the 43
rest of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there
unto this day.

And THE SONS OF REUBEN the firstborn of Israel, (for he 1
was the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's
bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the
son of Israel; and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after
the birthright. For Judah became great above his brethren, 2
and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was
Joseph's;) the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel were, 3
Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.
The sons of Joel; 4
Shemaiah his son,
Gog his son,
Shimei his son,
Micah his son, 5
Reaia his son,
Baal his son,
Beerah his son, whom Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria 6
carried away captive. He was prince of the Reubenites.
And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy 7
of their generations was reckoned, were the chief, Jeiel, and
Zechariah, and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the 8
son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, even unto Nebo and Baal-
maon; and eastward he inhabited unto the entrance of the 9

desert which reaches from the river Euphrates; because
10 their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead. And
in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, who
fell by their hand. And they dwelt in their tents through-
out all the land eastward of Gilead.
11 And THE SONS OF GAD dwelt over against them, in the
12 land of Bashan unto Salcah; Joel the chief, and Shapham
13 the next, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan. And their
brethren of the house of their fathers were, Michael, and
Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia,
14 and Heber, seven. These were the children of Abihail the
son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son
of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son
15 of Buz; Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of
16 the house of their fathers. And they dwelt in Gilead in
Bashan, and in its suburbs, and in all the pasture lands of
17 Sharon, upon their borders. All these were reckoned by
genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in
the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.
18 The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and the half tribe
of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear shield and
sword, and to shoot with bow, and trained to war, were
four and forty thousand seven hundred and threescore, that
19 went out to the war. And they made war with the Hagarites,
20 and Jetur [or the Ituræans], and Nephish, and Nodab. And
they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were
delivered into their hand, and all that were with them;
for they cried to God in the battle, and he was intreated of
21 them; because they put their trust in him. And they took
away their cattle; of their camels fifty thousand, and of
sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two
22 thousand, and of men an hundred thousand souls. For
there fell down many slain, because the war was of God.
And they dwelt in their steads until the Captivity.
23 And the children of THE HALF TRIBE OF MANASSEH dwelt
in the land from Bashan unto Baal-hermon and Senir, and
24 unto mount Hermon; and they increased. And these were
the heads of the house of their fathers, even Epher, and
Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah,
and Jahdiel, warriors of valour, men of name, and heads of
25 the house of their fathers. And they transgressed against

the God of their fathers, and went astray after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed from before them. And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul 20
king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day.

THE SONS OF LEVI were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 1
And the sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and 2
Uzziel.
And the children of Amram; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. 3
And THE SONS OF AARON; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
Eleazar begat Phinehas, 4
Phinehas begat Abishua,
and Abishua begat Bukki, 5
and Bukki begat Uzzi,
and Uzzi begat Zerahiah, 6
and Zerahiah begat Meraioth,
Meraioth begat Amariah, 7
and Amariah begat Ahitub,
and Ahitub begat Zadok, 8
and Zadok begat Ahimaaz,
and Ahimaaz begat Azariah, 9
and Azariah begat Johanan,
and Johanan begat Azariah. He it was that executed the 10
priest's office in the House that Solomon built in Jerusalem.
And Azariah begat Amariah, 11
and Amariah begat Ahitub,
and Ahitub begat Zadok, 12
and Zadok begat Shallum,
and Shallum begat Hilkiah, 13
and Hilkiah begat Azariah,
and Azariah begat Seraiah, 14
and Seraiah begat Jehozadak, and Jehozadak was carried 15
into the captivity of Jehovah, with Judah and Jerusalem, by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

THE SONS OF LEVI; Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.— 16
And these are the names of the sons of Gershom; Libni, 17
and Shimei.—And the sons of Kohath were, Amram, and 18

19 Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.—The sons of Merari were
Mahli, and Mushi.
And these were the families of the Levites according to
20 their fathers. Of GERSHOM;
Libni his son,
Jahath his son,
Zimmah his son,
21 Joah his son,
Iddo his son,
Zerah his son,
Jeaterai his son.
22 The sons of KOHATH;
Amminadab his son,
Korah his son,
Assir his son,
23 Elkanah his son,
and Ebiasaph his son,
and Assir his son,
24 Tahath his son,
Uriel his son,
Uzziah his son,
and Shaul his son.
25 And the sons of Elkanah; Amasai, and Ahimoth.
26 As for Elkanah; the sons of Elkanah were,
Zophai his son,
and Nahath his son,
27 Eliab his son,
Jeroham his son,
Elkanah his son.
28 And the sons of Samuel; the firstborn Vashni, and Abiah.
29 The sons of MERARI;
Mahli,
Libni his son,
Shimei his son,
Uzza his son,
30 Shimea his son,
Haggiah his son,
Asaiah his son.
31 And these are they whom David set over the service of
song in the House of Jehovah, after that the Ark had rest.
32 And they ministered before the tabernacle of the Appointed
Tent with singing, until Solomon had built the House of

Jehovah in Jerusalem; and then they waited on their office
according to their order. And these are they that waited 3
with their sons. Of the sons of the Kohathites;
Heman the singer,
the son of Joel,
the son of Shemuel,
the son of Elkanah, 3
the son of Jeroham,
the son of Eliel,
the son of Toah,
the son of Zuph, 3
the son of Elkanah,
the son of Mahath,
the son of Amasai,
the son of Elkanah, 3
the son of Joel,
the son of Azariah,
the son of Zephaniah,
the son of Tahath, 3
the son of Assir,
the son of Ebiasaph,
the son of Korah,
the son of Izhar, 3
the son of Kohath,
the son of Levi,
the son of Israel.

And his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, 3
even Asaph,
the son of Berachiah,
the son of Shimea,
the son of Michael, 4
the son of Baaseiah,
the son of Malchiah,
the son of Ethni, 4
the son of Zerah,
the son of Adaiah,
the son of Ethan, 4
the son of Zimmah,
the son of Shimei,
the son of Jahath, 4
the son of Gershom,
the son of Levi.

44 And their brethren the sons of Merari stood on the left
hand; Ethan
the son of Kishi,
the son of Abdi,
the son of Malluch,
45 the son of Hashabiah,
the son of Amaziah,
the son of Hilkiah,
46 the son of Amzi,
the son of Bani,
the son of Shamer,
47 the son of Mahli,
the son of Mushi,
the son of Merari,
the son of Levi.
48 Their brethren also the Levites were appointed unto all
manner of service of the tabernacle of the House of God.
49 But Aaron and his sons burned incense upon the altar
of the burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, for all
the work of the Holy of Holies, and to make an atonement
for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God
had commanded.
50 And these are the sons of Aaron;
Eleazar his son,
Phinehas his son,
Abishua his son,
51 Bukki his son,
Uzzi his son,
Zerahiah his son,
52 Meraioth his son,
Amariah his son,
Ahitub his son,
53 Zadok his son,
Ahimaaz his son.
54 And these are their dwelling places throughout their strong-
holds on their boundaries, for the sons of Aaron, of the fami-
55 lies of the Kohathites; for theirs was the lot. And they
gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and the pasture
56 lands thereof round about it. But the fields of the city,
and the villages thereof, they gave to Caleb the son of Je-
57 phunneh. And to the sons of Aaron they gave of the cities
of Judah, Hebron for a refuge,

and Libnah with its pasture lands,
and Jattir, and Eshtemoa, with their pasture lands,
and Hilen with its pasture lands, 59
Debir with its pasture lands,
and Ashan with its pasture lands, 59
and Beth-shemesh with its pasture lands;
and out of the tribe of Benjamin, 60
Geba with its pasture lands,
and Alemeth with its pasture lands,
and Anathoth with its pasture lands. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities.

And unto the sons of Kohath, who were left of the family 61
of that tribe, were given out of the Half Tribe, namely, the half of Manasseh, by lot, ten cities.

And to the sons of Gershom throughout their families out 62
of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

Unto the sons of Merari were given by lot, throughout 63
their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.
And the children of Israel gave to the Levites these cities 64
with their pasture lands. And they gave by lot out of the 65
tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities, which have been named.

And some of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities 66
of their boundaries out of the tribe of Ephraim. And they 67
gave unto them as cities, Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim with its pasture lands for a refuge,
and Gezer with its pasture lands,
and Jokmeam with its pasture lands, 68
and Beth-horon with its pasture lands,
and Aijalon with its pasture lands, 69
and Gath-rimmon with its pasture lands;
and out of the Half Tribe of Manasseh, 70
Aner with its pasture lands,
and Bileam with its pasture lands, for the family of the remnant of the sons of Kohath.

Unto the sons of Gershom were given out of the family 71
of the half tribe of Manasseh,
Golan in Bashan with its pasture lands,

and Ashtaroth with its pasture lands;
and out of the tribe of Issachar,
Kedesh with its pasture lands,
Daberath with its pasture lands,
and Ramoth with its pasture lands,
and Anem with its pasture lands;
and out of the tribe of Asher,
Mashal with its pasture lands,
and Abdon with its pasture lands,
and Hukok with its pasture lands,
and Rehob with its pasture lands;
and out of the tribe of Naphtali,
Kedesh in Galilee with its pasture lands,
and Hammon with its pasture lands,
and Kirjathaim with its pasture lands.

Unto the rest of the children of Merari were given out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon with its pasture lands,
Tabor with its pasture lands;
and on the other side of the Jordan by Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, were given them out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the desert with its pasture lands,
and Jahazah with its pasture lands,
and Kedemoth with its pasture lands,
and Mephaath with its pasture lands;
and out of the tribe of Gad,
Ramoth in Gilead with its pasture lands,
and Mahanaim with its pasture lands,
and Heshbon with its pasture lands,
and Jazer with its pasture lands.

Now THE SONS OF ISSACHAR were, Tola, and Puah, Jashub, and Shimron, four.
And the sons of Tola; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's house, to wit, of Tola; they were warriors of might in their generations; whose number was in the days of David two and twenty thousand and six hundred.
And the sons of Uzzi; Izrahiah (with the sons of Izrahiah), Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah, five; all of them chief men. And with them, by their generations, after the house of their fathers, were bands of soldiers for war, six and thirty thousand men; for they had many wives and sons. And their brethren among all the families of Issachar

were warriors of might, reckoned in all by their genealogies fourscore and seven thousand.

Of Benjamin were Bela, and Becher, and Jediael, three. 6
And the sons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and 7
Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of the house of their fathers, warriors of valour; and they were reckoned by their genealogies twenty and two thousand and thirty and four. And 8
the sons of Becher; Zemira, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All these are the sons of Becher. And they 9
were reckoned after their genealogy by their generations, heads of the house of their fathers, warriors of valour, twenty thousand and two hundred. The sons also of Jediael; 10
Bilhan; and the sons of Bilhan; Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharshish, and Ahishahar. All these the sons of Jediael, by the heads of 11
their fathers, warriors of valour, were seventeen thousand and two hundred, fit to go out to war for battle. Shuppim 12
also, and Huppim, the sons of Ir; Hushim, the sons of Aher.

The sons of Naphtali were Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, 13
and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

The sons of Manasseh were Ashriel, whom [his wife] bare; 14
(but his concubine the Syrian bare Machir the father of Gilead. And Machir took to wife the sister of Huppim 15
and Shuppim, whose name was Maachah.) And the name of the second was Zelophehad. And Zelophehad had daughters. And Maachah the wife of Machir bare a son, 16
and she called his name Peresh; and the name of his brother was Sheresh. And his sons were Ulam and Rakem. And 17
the sons of Ulam; Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh. And his sister 18
Moleketh bare Ishod, and Abiezer, and Mahalah.—And 19
the sons of Shemidah were Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

And the sons of Ephraim were Shuthelah, 20
and Bered his son,
and Tahath his son,
and Eladah his son,
and Tahath his son,
and Zabad his son, 21
and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men

of Gath that were born in that land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle.

22 And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his
23 brethren came to comfort him. And when he went in to his wife, she conceived, and bare a son, and he called his name Beriah [or In Evil], because it went evil with his
24 house. (And his daughter was Sherah, who built Beth-
25 horon the Lower, and the Upper, and Uzzen-sherah.)
And Rephah was his son, also Resheph,
and Telah his son,
and Tahan his son,
26 Laadan his son,
Ammihud his son,
Elishama his son,
27 Non his son,
Jehoshuah his son.

28 And their possessions and habitations were, Beth-el and its suburbs, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer, with its suburbs; Shechem also and its suburbs, unto Gaza [or
29 Adasa] and its suburbs; and by the side of the sons of Manasseh, Beth-shean and its suburbs, Taanach and its suburbs, Megiddo and its suburbs, Dor and its suburbs. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Israel.

30 The SONS OF ASHER were Imnah, and Isuah, and Ishuai,
31 and Beriah, and Serah their sister.
And the sons of Beriah were Heber, and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzavith.
32 And Heber begat Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister.
33 And the sons of Japhlet were Pasach, and Bimhal, and
34 Ashvath. These were the sons of Japhlet.—And the sons of Shomer his brother were Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.
35 —And the sons of his brother Helem [or Hotham] were Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal.
36 The sons of Zophah; Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and
37 Beri, and Imrah, Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shil-
38 shah, and Ithran, and Beera.—And the sons of Jether;
39 Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara.—And the sons of Ulla;
40 Arah, and Haniel, and Rezia.—All these were the sons of Asher, heads of their father's house, choice warriors of valour, chief of the princes. And the number throughout

the genealogy of them that were apt to the war and to battle was twenty and six thousand men.

BENJAMIN ALSO BEGAT Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, 1
and Aharah the third, Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth. 2
And the sons of Bela were Addar, and Gera, and Abihud, 3
and Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah, and Gera, and 4
Shephuphan, and Huram. 5
And these were the sons of Ehud [the son of Gera]; these 6
were the heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Geba, and
they removed them to Manahath; even Naaman, and Ahiah, 7
and Gera; he removed these, and begat Uzza, and Ahihud.
And he early begat children in the country of Moab, after 8
he had sent them away. Hushim and Baara were his wives.
And he begat of Hodesh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and 9
Mesha, and Malcham, and Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirma. 10
These were his sons, heads of the fathers. And of Hushim 11
he begat Abitub, and Elpaal.

The sons of Elpaal; Eber, and Misham, and Shamer, 12
who built Ono, and Lydda, with their suburbs; Beriah also, 13
and Shema, who were heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who drove away the inhabitants of Gath;
and their brethren were Shashak, and Jeremoth.—And 14
Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader, and Michael, and Ispah, 16
and Joha, were the sons of Beriah;—and Zebadiah, and 17
Meshullam, and Hezeki, and Heber, Ishmerai also, and 18
Jezliah, and Jobab, were the sons of Elpaal;—and Jakim, and 19
Zichri, and Zabdi, and Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel, and 20
Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, were the sons of Shimhi 21
[or Shema];—and Ishpan, and Heber, and Eliel, and Abdon, 22
and Zichri, and Hanan, and Hananiah, and Elam, and Anto- 24
thijah, and Iphedeiah, and Penuel, were the sons of Shashak; 25
—and Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah, and Jare- 26
siah, and Eliah, and Zichri, were the sons of Jeroham [or 27
Jeremoth]. These were heads of the fathers, by their gene- 28
rations, chief men. These dwelt in Jerusalem.

And at Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon; whose wife's 29
name was Maachah; and his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, 30
and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab, and Gedor, and his brother 31
[Mikloth], and Zacher [or Zechariah].
And Mikloth begat Shimeah. And these also dwelt with 32
their brethren in Jerusalem, over against them.

33 And Ner begat Kish;
and Kish begat Saul;
and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Esh-baal;
34 and the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal;
35 and Merib-baal begat Micah; and the sons of Micah were, Pithon, and Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz;
36 and Ahaz begat Jehoadah;
and Jehoadah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri;
and Zimri begat Moza;
37 and Moza begat Binea;
Rapha was his son;
Eleasah his son;
Azel his son;
38 and Azel had six sons, whose names are these, Azrikam his firstborn, and Ishmael, and Shearíah, and Obadiah, and
39 Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel.—And the sons of Eshek his brother were Ulam his firstborn, Jehush the second, and Eliphelet the third.
40 And the sons of Ulam were warriors of valour, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, a hundred and fifty. All these are the sons of Benjamin.

1 So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies; and, behold, they were written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah, such as were carried away to Babylon for their
2 transgression. And these are the first inhabitants that [returned] into their possessions in their cities, the Israelites, the priests, the Levites, and the Nethins [or Temple-servants].
3 And in Jerusalem there dwelt of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of
4 Ephraim, and Manasseh; Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the chil-
5 dren of Pharez the son of Judah. And of the Shilonites;
6 Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons; and of the sons of Zarah;
7 Jeuel, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety.—And of the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the
8 son of Hodaviah, the son of Hasenuah, and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephathiah, the son of Reuel,
9 the son of Ibnijah; and their brethren, according to their

generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men were chief of the fathers in the house of their fathers.

And of the Priests; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin; 10
and Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the 11
son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the House of God; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, 12
the son of Pashur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasiai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer; and their 13
brethren, heads of the house of their fathers, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore; very able men for the work of the service of the House of God.

And of the Levites; Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the 14
son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari; and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son 15
of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph; and Obadiah 16
the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites. And the door- 17
keepers were Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren; Shallum was the chief, who 18
hitherto waited at the king's gate eastward. They were door-keepers in the camps [or courts] of the sons of Levi. And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son 19
of Korah, and his brethren, of the house of his father, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, door-keepers of the Tent [or House]; and their fathers, being over the camp [or court] of Jehovah, were keepers of the entry. And 20
Phinehas the son of Eleazar was the ruler over them in time past, and Jehovah was with him. And Zechariah the 21
son of Meshelemiah was door-keeper of the door of the Appointed Tent. All these who were chosen to be door-keepers 22
at the gates were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer did ordain in their office of trust. So 23
they and their sons had the charge of the gates of the House of Jehovah, namely, the House of the Tent, by watches. At the four quarters were the door-keepers, toward the east, 24
west, north, and south. And their brethren, who were in 25
their villages, were to come after seven days from time to

26 time with them. For this office of trust there were these
Levites, the four chief door-keepers; and they were over the
chambers and treasuries of the House of God.
27 And they lodged round about the House of God, because
the charge was upon them, and the opening thereof every
28 morning belonged to them. And some of them had the
charge of the ministering vessels, that they should bring
29 them in by tale, and carry them away by tale. Some of
them also were appointed over the vessels, and all the in-
struments of the Holy Place, and over the fine flour, and
the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices.
30 And some of the sons of the priests made the ointment of
31 the spices. And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was
the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the office of
32 trust over the things that were made in the pans. And
other of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, were
over the Ceremonial Bread, to prepare it every sabbath.
33 And in these matters the singers, the chiefs of the fathers
of the Levites, who remained in the chambers, were free;
for they were employed on their work day and night.
34 These chief fathers of the Levites were chief throughout
their generations; these dwelt at Jerusalem.
35 And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jehiel, whose
wife's name was Maachah;
36 and his firstborn son was Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and
37 Baal, and Ner, and Nadab, and Gedor, and his brother,
38 and Zechariah, and Mikloth. And Mikloth begat Shimeam.
And they also dwelt with their brethren at Jerusalem, over
against their brethren.
39 And Ner begat Kish;
and Kish begat Saul;
and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab,
and Esh-baal;
40 and the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal;
and Merib-baal begat Micah;
41 and the sons of Micah were Pithon, and Melech, and
Tahrea, [and Ahaz];
42 and Ahaz begat Jarah;
and Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri;
and Zimri begat Moza;
43 and Moza begat Binea;
and Rephaiah was his son;

Eleasah his son;
Azel his son;
and Azel had six sons, whose names are these, Azrikam his 44
firstborn, and Ishmael, and Shearíah, and Obadíah, and
Hanan; these were the sons of Azel.

Now THE PHILISTINES fought against Israel; and the men 1
of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain
in the hill country of Gilboa. And the Philistines followed 2
hard after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines
slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons
of Saul. And the battle went sore against Saul, and the 3
archers ~~hit~~ him, and he ~~was wounded by~~ the archers. Then 4
said Saul to his armour-bearer, 'Draw thy sword, and
'thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised
'come and make sport of me.' But his armour-bearer would
not; for he was sore afraid. So Saul took ~~a~~ sword, and
fell upon it. And when his armour-bearer saw that Saul 5
was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died. So Saul 6
died, and his three sons, and all his house died together.
And when all the men of Israel that were in the ~~valley~~ saw 7
that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then
they forsook their cities, and fled; and the Philistines came
and dwelt in them.

And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines 8
came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons
fallen in the hill country of Gilboa. And when they had 9
stripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and sent
into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry good
tidings unto their idols, and to the people. And they put his 10
armour in the house of their gods, and fastened his ~~head~~
in the temple of Dagon.

And all Jabesh in Gilead heard all that the Philistines had 11
done to Saul; and they arose, all the valiant men, and took 12
away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and
brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the
oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days. So Saul died for his 13
~~transgression~~ which he committed against Jehovah, ~~even~~
~~against~~ the word of Jehovah, which he kept not, and also for
asking counsel of a speaking bottle [or ventriloquist], to
inquire of it; and he inquired not of Jehovah. Therefore He 14
slew him, and turned the kingdom [of Judah] unto David
the son of Jesse [in B.C. 1051].

1 Then all Israel gathered themselves to DAVID unto He-
2 bron, saying, 'Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. And
'moreover in time past, even when Saul was king, thou wast
'he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel; and Jehovah
'thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel,
3 'and thou shalt be ruler over my people Israel.' Therefore
came all the elders of Israel to the king to Hebron; and
David made a covenant with them in Hebron before Jeho-
vah; and they anointed David king over Israel [in B.C.
1043], according to the word of Jehovah by the hand of
Samuel.
4 And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which is
Jebus; where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the
5 land. And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, 'Thou
'shalt not come hither.' Nevertheless David took the
6 stronghold of Zion, which is the city of David. And David
said, 'Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be chief
'and captain.' So Joab the son of Zeruiah went first up,
7 and he was chief. And David dwelt in the stronghold;
8 therefore they called it the city of David. And he built
the city round about, even from Millo [or the embankment]
9 round about; and Joab repaired the rest of the city. So
David waxed greater and greater; for Jehovah of hosts was
with him.
10 These also are the CHIEFS OF THE WARRIORS whom David
had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom,
and with all Israel, to make him king, according to the
11 word of Jehovah concerning Israel. And this is the number
of the warriors whom David had; Jashobeam the son of
Hachmoni, the chief of the chiefs-of-three [or chariot
warriors]; he lifted up his spear against three hundred
12 slain by him at one time. And after him was Eleazar the
son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the three warriors.
13 He was with David at Pas-dammim, and there the Philis-
tines were gathered together to battle, where was a parcel
of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before
14 the Philistines. And they set themselves in the midst of
that parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines; and
15 Jehovah saved them by a great deliverance. Now three
of the thirty captains went down to the rock to David, into
the cave near Adullam; and the host of the Philistines en-
16 camped in the Valley of Giants. And David was then in

the stronghold, and the Philistines' garrison was then at Beth-lehem. And David longed, and said, 'Oh that one 17
'would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem,
'that is at the city gate!' And the three brake through the 18
host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the city gate, and took it, and brought it to David. But David would not drink it, but poured it out to Jehovah, and said, 'May my God forbid it 19
'me, that I should do this thing. Shall I drink the blood of
'these men with their lives? for with their lives have they
'brought it.' Therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three warriors. And Abishai the brother 20
of Joab, he was chief of the three; for lifting up his spear against three hundred, he slew them, and had a name among the three. Of the three, he was more honourable than the 21
two; for he was their captain.

And unto the three attained not Benaiah the son of 22
Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, though he had done many acts. He slew two lion-like men of Moab; also he went down and slew a lion in a pit on a snowy day. And he slew an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five cubits 23
high; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear. These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had a name among the three warriors. Behold, 24 25
he was honourable among the thirty, but attained not to the three; and David set him over his council.

Also the warriors of the armies were, 26
Asahel the brother of Joab,
Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem,
Shammoth the Harorite, 27
Helez the Pelonite,
Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, 28
Abiezer the Antothite,
Sibbecai the Hushathite, 29
Ilai the Ahohite,
Maharai the Netophathite, 30
Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite,
Ithai the son of Ribai, of Gibeah of the sons of Benjamin, 31
Benaiah the Pirathonite,
Hurai of the valleys of Gaash, 32

Abiel the Arbathite,
33 Azmaveth the Baharumite,
Eliahba the Shaalbonite,
34 the sons of Hashem the Gizonite,
Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite,
35 Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite,
Eliphal the son of Ur,
36 Hepher the Mecherathite,
Ahijah the Pelonite,
37 Hezro the Carmelite,
Naarai the son of Ezbai,
38 Joel the brother of Nathan,
Mibhar the son of an Hagarite,
39 Zelek the Ammonite,
Naharai the Berothite, the armour-bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah,
40 Ira the Ithrite,
Gareb the Ithrite,
41 Uriah the Hittite,
Zabad the son of Ahlai,
42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,
43 Hanan the son of Maachah,
and Joshaphat the Mithnite,
44 Uzzia the Ashterathite,
Shama and Jehiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite,
45 Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite,
46 Eliel the Mahavite,
and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam,
and Ithmah the Moabite,
47 Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel the Mesobaite.

1 Now these are THEY THAT CAME TO DAVID to Ziklag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish; and they were among the warriors, helpers of the
2 war. They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left for stones and for arrows out of a bow.

3 Of Saul's brethren of Benjamin, the chief were Ahiezer and Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu
4 the Antothite, and Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a warrior among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel,

and Johanan, and Josabad the Gederathite, Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite, Elkanah, and Jesiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites, and Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David, into the stronghold to the desert, warriors of might, and men of war fit for the battle, that could handle shield and spear, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as roes upon the mountains for swiftness;

Ezer the first,
Obadiah the second,
Eliab the third,
Mishmannah the fourth,
Jeremiah the fifth,
Attai the sixth,
Eliel the seventh,
Johanan the eighth,
Elzabad the ninth,
Jeremiah the tenth,
Machbanai the eleventh.

These were of the sons of Gad, captains of the host; one of the least was as good as an hundred, and the greatest as a thousand. These are they that went over the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks; and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west.

And there came some of the sons of Benjamin and Judah to the stronghold unto David. And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, 'If ye be 'come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be-'come one with you; but if ye be come to betray me to 'mine enemies, seeing there is no wrong in mine hands, 'may the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it.'

Then the spirit came over Amasai, the chief of the chiefs-of-three, [and he said,]

'Unto thee, O David, and with thee, O son of Jesse, be peace;
'Peace be unto thee, and peace be unto thine helpers;
'For thy God hath helped thee.'

Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

And there revolted some of Manasseh to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle. (But he helped them not; for the lords of the Philistines upon advice sent him away, saying, 'He will revolt to his master 'Saul against our heads.') As he went to Ziklag, there revolted to him from Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and

Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai,
21 captains of the thousands that were of Manasseh. And
they helped David with a band; for they were all warriors
22 of valour, and were captains in the host. For at that time
day by day they came to David to help him, until they
were a great camp, like a camp of God.

23 And these are the NUMBERS OF THE CHIEFS that were
ready armed to the war, and came to David to Hebron, to
turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the command
of Jehovah.

24 The sons of Judah that bare shield and spear were six
thousand and eight hundred, ready armed to the war.

25 Of the sons of Simeon, warriors of valour for the war,
seven thousand and one hundred.

26 Of the sons of Levi four thousand and six hundred.

27 And Jehoiada was the leader of the Aaronites, and with
28 him were three thousand and seven hundred; and Zadok,
a young warrior of valour, and of his father's house twenty
and two captains.

29 And of the sons of Benjamin, the brethren of Saul, three
thousand; for hitherto the greatest part of them had kept
guard over the house of Saul.

30 And of the sons of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight
hundred, warriors of valour, men of name throughout the
house of their fathers.

31 And of the Half Tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, who
were distinguished by name, to come and make David king.

32 And of the sons of Issachar, who had understanding of the
times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them
were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their
command.

33 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, trained to war,
with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, who could keep
rank; they were not of double heart.

34 And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them thirty
and seven thousand with shield and spear.

35 And of the Danites trained to war twenty and eight thou-
sand and six hundred.

36 And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, trained to war,
forty thousand.

37 And from the other side of the Jordan, of the Reubenites,
and of the Gadites, and of the Half Tribe of Manasseh, with

all instruments of war for the battle, an hundred and twenty thousand.

All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king; and there they were with David three days, eating and drinking; for their brethren had prepared for them. Moreover they that were friendly to them, even as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, and as food, meal, cakes of figs, and cakes of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly; for there was joy in Israel.

And David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader. And David said unto all the assembly of Israel, 'If it seem good unto you, and 'it be of Jehovah our God, let us send abroad to our bre- 'thren every where, that are left in all the land of Israel, 'and with them also to the priests and Levites who are in 'the cities of their pasture lands, that they may gather 'themselves unto us; and let us carry about the Ark of our 'God among us; for we inquired not at it in the days of 'Saul.' And all the assembly said that they would do so; for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

So David assembled all Israel together, from the Shihor [or Nile] of Egypt even unto the Pass of Hamath, to bring the Ark of God from the City of Jearim. And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, that is, to the City of Jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up thence the Ark of God, of Jehovah who dwelleth between the cherubs, by whose name it is called. And they carried the Ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab; and Uzza and his brother drove the cart. And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

And when they came unto the threshing-floor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the Ark; for the oxen stumbled. And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the Ark; and there he died before God. And David was displeased, because Jehovah had made a breach upon Uzza;

wherefore that place is called Perez-uzza [or the Breach of
12 Uzza] to this day. And David was afraid of God that day,
saying, 'How shall I bring the Ark of God home to me?'
13 So David removed not the Ark to himself to the city of
David, but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom
14 the Gittite. And the Ark of God remained with the family
of Obed-edom in his house three months. And Jehovah
blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had.

1 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and
timber of cedars, with workmen in stone and workmen in
2 wood, to build him a house. And David perceived that
Jehovah had confirmed him king over Israel, for his king-
dom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel.
3 And David took more wives at Jerusalem; and David
4 begat more sons and daughters. Now these are the names
of his children which he had in Jerusalem; Shammua,
and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon,
5 and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpalet,
6 and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,
7 and Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphalet.
8 And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed
king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek
David. And David heard of it, and went out against them.
9 And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the
10 Valley of Giants. And David inquired of God, saying,
'Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver
'them into mine hand?' And Jehovah said unto him,
11 'Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand.' So they
came up to Baal-perezim; and David smote them there.
Then David said, 'God hath broken in upon mine enemies
'by mine hand like the breaking forth of waters.' There-
fore they called the name of that place Baal-perezim [or
12 Place of Breaking]. And they had left their gods there;
and David gave a command, and they were burned with
fire.
13 And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad
14 in the valley. Therefore David inquired again of God; and
God said unto him, 'Go not up after them; turn away from
'them, and come upon them over against the balsam trees.
15 'And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of walking
'on the tops of the balsam trees, that then thou shalt go
'out to battle; for God is gone forth before thee to smite

'the camp of the Philistines.' David therefore did as God 16
commanded him; and they smote the camp of the Philis-
tines from Gibeon even to Gazer. And the name of David 17
went out into all lands; and Jehovah brought the fear of
him upon all the nations.

And [David] made for himself houses in the city of 1
David, and prepared a place for the Ark of God, and pitched
for it a tent. Then David said, 'None ought to carry the 2
'Ark of God but the Levites; for them hath Jehovah chosen
'to carry the Ark of God, and to minister unto him for
'ever.' And David assembled all Israel in Jerusalem, to 3
bring up the Ark of Jehovah unto its place, which he had
prepared for it. And David gathered together the sons 4
of Aaron, and the Levites;
Of the sons of Kohath; Uriel the chief, and his brethren 5
a hundred and twenty;
Of the sons of Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his brethren 6
two hundred and twenty.
Of the sons of Gershom; Joel the chief, and his brethren 7
a hundred and thirty;
Of the sons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his 8
brethren two hundred;
Of the sons of Hebron; Eliel the chief, and his brethren 9
fourscore;
Of the sons of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his bre- 10
thren a hundred and twelve.

And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the Priests, 11
and for the Levites, Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and
Eliel, and Amminadab. And he said unto them, 'Ye are 12
'the chief of the fathers of the Levites; sanctify yourselves,
'both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the Ark
'of Jehovah the God of Israel unto the place that I have
'prepared for it. For because ye did it not at the first, 13
'Jehovah our God made a breach upon us, for that we
'sought him not after the due order.' So the priests and 14
the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the Ark of
Jehovah the God of Israel. And the sons of the Levites 15
bare the Ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves
thereon, as Moses had commanded according to the word
of Jehovah. And David spake to the chief of the Levites 16
to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments
of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, who should

17 sound by lifting up the voice with joy. So the Levites
appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren,
Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari
18 their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah; and with them
their brethren of the second degree, Zechariah, Ben, and
Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab,
and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh,
and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the door-keepers.
19 And the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were appointed
20 to sound with cymbals of copper; and Zechariah, and
Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab,
and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries as for female
21 voices; and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and
Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps on the
22 [lower] octave, to be chiefs. And Chenaniah was chief of
the Levites in leading the song; he instructed in leading
23 the song, because he was skilful. And Berechiah and El-
24 kanah were door-keepers for the Ark. And Shebaniah, and
Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah,
and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the
trumpets before the Ark of God; and Obed-edom and Jehiah
were door-keepers for the Ark.

25 So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over
thousands, went to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of
26 Jehovah out of the house of Obed-edom with joy. And it
came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the
Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah, that they sacrificed seven
27 bullocks and seven rams. And David was clothed with a
robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the Ark,
and the singers, and Chenaniah the master in leading the
song with the singers. David also had upon him an Ephod
28 [or priestly dress] of linen. Thus all Israel brought up the
Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah with shouting, and with
sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals,
making a noise with psalteries and harps.

29 And it came to pass, as the Ark of the Covenant of
Jehovah came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter
of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing
and playing; and she despised him in her heart.

So they brought the Ark of God, and set it in the midst
of the Tent that David had pitched for it; and they brought
1 burnt offerings and peace offerings before God. And when

David had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of Jehovah. And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a circular loaf of bread, and a measure of wine, and a raisin cake. And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the Ark of Jehovah, and to make mention of the doings, and to give thanks, and to speak the praises of Jehovah the God of Israel; Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom; and Jeiel with psalteries and with harps. And Asaph made a sound with cymbals; and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets, continually before the Ark of the Covenant of God.

Then on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank Jehovah into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

'Give thanks unto Jehovah, call upon his name,
'Make known his deeds among the people.
'Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him,
'Meditate ye on all his wondrous works.
'Glory ye in his holy name;
'Let the heart of them rejoice that seek Jehovah.
'Seek Jehovah and his strength, seek his face continually.
'Remember his marvellous works that were done,
'His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth.
'O ye seed of Israel his servant,
'Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
'He is Jehovah our God;
'His judgments are on all the earth.
'Be ye mindful always of his covenant,
'The word commanded to a thousand generations,
'Which he bargained with Abraham, and sware unto Isaac.
'And he confirmed the same to Jacob for a statute,
'To Israel for an everlasting covenant, saying,
'Unto thee I give the land of Canaan,
'For the lines of your inheritance;
'While ye were small in number, a few, and strangers in it.
'And when they went about from nation to nation,
'And from one kingdom to another people;
'He suffered no man to do them wrong;
'Yea, he reproved kings for their sakes, [saying,]
'Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

23 'Sing unto Jehovah, all the earth;
'Shew forth from day to day his salvation.
24 'Declare his glory among the Nations;
'His marvellous works among all peoples.
25 'For great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised;
'He also is to be feared above all gods.
26 'For all the gods of the people are idols;
'But Jehovah made the heavens.
27 'Glory and honour are in his presence;
'Strength and gladness are in his Place.
28 'Give unto Jehovah, ye kindreds and people,
'Give unto Jehovah glory and strength.
29 'Give unto Jehovah the glory due to his name;
'Bring a meal-offering, and come before him;
'Worship Jehovah in robes of holiness.
30 'Tremble before him, all the earth;
'The world also shall be stable, that it be not shaken.
31 'Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
'And let men say among the nations, Jehovah reigneth.
32 'Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;
'Let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein.
33 'Then shall the trees of the wood sing before Jehovah,
'Because he cometh to judge the earth.
34 'O give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good;
'For his kindness endureth for ever.
35 'And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation,
'And gather us together, and deliver us from the Nations,
'That we may confess thy holy name, and glory in thy praise.
36 'Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel for ever and ever.'
And all the people said, 'Amen,' and praised Jehovah.

So he left there before the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the Ark
37 continually, for every day's work; and Obed-edom with their brethren, threescore and eight; Obed-edom also the
38 son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be door-keepers; and Zadok the Priest, and his brethren the priests, before the Tabernacle of Jehovah at the High Place [or altar] that was at Gibeon, to offer burnt offerings unto Jehovah upon the altar of the burnt offering continually morning and evening, and to do according to all that is written in the law of Jehovah, which he commanded Israel; and with them Heman

and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to 'give thanks to Jehovah, for his kindness
'endureth for ever;' and with them Heman and Jeduthun 42
with trumpets and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun were at the gate. And all the people 43
departed every man to his house; and David returned to bless his house.

Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that 1
David said to Nathan the prophet, 'Lo, I dwell in a house
'of cedars, but the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah is under
'curtains.' Then Nathan said unto David, 'Do all that is 2
'in thine heart; for God is with thee.' And it came to 3
pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying, 'Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith Jeho- 4
'vah, Thou shalt not build me a house to dwell in; for 5
'I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought
'up Israel unto this day; but have gone from tent to tent,
'and from one tabernacle to another. Wheresoever I have 6
'walked about with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the
'Judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people,
'saying, Why have ye not built me a house of cedars?
'Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, 7
'Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, I took thee from the sheep-
'cote, even from following the sheep, that thou shouldest
'be ruler over my people Israel; and I have been with thee 8
'whithersoever thou hast walked, and I have cut off all
'thine enemies from before thee, and I have made for thee
'a name like the name of the great men that are on the
'earth. Also I have ordained a place for my people Israel, 9
'and have planted them, and they shall dwell in their place,
'and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children
'of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning.
'And since the time that I commanded Judges to be over 10
'my people Israel, I have moreover subdued all thine ene-
'mies.

'Furthermore I tell thee that Jehovah will build for thee
'a house. For it shall come to pass, when thy days are 11
'fulfilled for thee to go to be with thy fathers, that I will
'raise up thy seed after thee, who shall be one of thy sons;
'and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build me a 12
'House, and I will establish his throne for ever. I will be 13

'his father, and he shall be my son; and I will not take
'my kindness away from him, as I took it from him that
14 'was before thee. But I will settle him in mine House and
'in my kingdom for ever; and his throne shall be esta-
15 'blished for evermore.' According to all these words, and
according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.
16 And David the king came and sat before Jehovah, and
said, 'Who am I, O Jehovah God, and what is mine house,
17 'that thou hast brought me hither? And yet this is a
'small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou speakest of
'thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast
'regarded me according to the measure of a man of high
18 'degree, O Jehovah God. What can David add more to
'thee for the honour of thy servant? For thou knowest
19 'thy servant. O Jehovah, for thy servant's sake, and ac-
'cording to thine own heart, hast thou done all this great-
20 'ness, in making known all this greatness. O Jehovah,
'there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside
'thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.
21 'And what one nation on the earth is like thy people Israel,
'whom God went to redeem to be his own people, to make
'unto thee a Name of greatness and terribleness, by driving
'out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast re-
22 'deemed out of Lower Egypt? For thy people Israel didst
'thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, O Jehovah,
23 'becamest their God. Therefore now, O Jehovah, let the
'thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant and
'concerning his house be confirmed for ever, and do as thou
24 'hast said. Let it even be confirmed, that thy Name may
'be magnified for ever, saying, Jehovah of hosts is the God
'of Israel, even a God to Israel; and let the house of David
25 'thy servant be established before thee. For thou, O my
'God, hast revealed to the ear of thy servant that thou wilt
'build for him a house; therefore thy servant hath found
26 'in his heart to pray before thee. And now, O Jehovah,
'thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto thy
27 'servant. Now therefore let it please thee to bless the
'house of thy servant, that it may be before thee for ever,
'since thou hast blessed it, O Jehovah, and it will be
'blessed for ever.'

1 Now after this it came to pass, that David smote the

Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and its suburbs out of the hand of the Philistines.

And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became David's 2
servants, paying tribute.

And David smote Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, 3
as he went to establish his dominion by the river Euphrates.
And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven 4
thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand men on foot;
David also hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved
of them a hundred chariots. And when the Syrians of 5
Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David
slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men. Then 6
David put [garrisons] in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians
became David's servants, paying tribute. Thus Jehovah
preserved David whithersoever he went. And David took 7
the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer,
and brought them to Jerusalem. Likewise from Tibhath, 8
and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, brought David very
much copper, wherewith Solomon made the copper water-
cistern, and the pillars, and the vessels of copper.

Now when Tou king of Hamath heard how David had 9
smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah, he sent 10
Hadoram his son to king David, to ask for peace of him,
and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadarezer,
and smitten him; (for Hadarezer had war against Tou;) and
with him all manner of vessels of gold and silver and copper.
These also king David dedicated unto Jehovah, with the 11
silver and the gold that he brought from all these nations;
from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Am-
mon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek. More- 12
over Abshai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites in
the valley of salt eighteen thousand. And he put garri- 13
sons in Edom; and all the Edomites became David's ser-
vants.

Thus Jehovah preserved David whithersoever he went.
So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment 14
and righteousness among all his people. And Joab the 15
son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the
son of Ahilud recorder. And Zadok the son of Ahitub, 16
and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and
Shavsha was scribe; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was 17

over the axe-bearers and the runners; and the sons of David were chief at the side of the king.

1 Now it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his
2 stead. And David said, 'I will shew kindness unto Hanun 'the son of Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to 'me.' And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of
3 the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, 'Thinkest 'thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent 'comforters unto thee? Are not his servants come unto 'thee for to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the
4 'land?' Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in half at their middle,
5 and sent them away. Then some went, and told David about the men. And he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, 'Tarry at Jeri- 'cho until your beards be grown, and then return.'

6 And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand Kikars [or hundred weights] of silver to hire for them chariots and horsemen out of Syria of the Rivers, and out of Syria of Maachah, and out
7 of Zobah. So they hired thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah and his people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle.

8 And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the
9 host of the warriors. And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entrance into the city; and the kings that were come were by themselves in
10 the field. Now when Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him both before and behind, he chose men out of all the choice of Israel, and put them in array against
11 the Syrians. And the rest of the people he delivered unto the hand of Abshai his brother, and they set themselves in
12 array against the children of Ammon. And he said, 'If 'the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me; 'but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then
13 'I will help thee. Be of good courage, and let us behave

'ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of
'our God; and Jehovah will do what is good in his sight.'
So Joab and the people that were with him drew nigh 14
before the Syrians unto the battle; and they fled before
him. And when the children of Ammon saw that the 15
Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abshai his
brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to
Jerusalem.

And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the 16
worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth
the Syrians that were beyond the River [Euphrates]; and
Shophach the captain of the host of Hadarezer went before
them. And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel, 17
and passed over the Jordan, and came upon them, and he
set the battle in array against them. So when David had
put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought
with him. But the Syrians fled before Israel; and David 18
slew of the Syrians seven thousand men in chariots, and
forty thousand men on foot, and killed Shophach the cap-
tain of the host. And when the servants of Hadarezer saw 19
that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made
peace with David, and became his servants; neither would
the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

And it came to pass, that at the return of the year, at 1
the time that kings go out [to battle], Joab led forth the
power of the army, and wasted the country of the children
of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David
tarried at Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah, and de-
stroyed it. And David took the crown of their king from 2
off his head, and found it to weigh a Kikar [or hundred
weight] of gold, and there were precious stones in it; and
it was set upon David's head. And he brought also ex-
ceeding much spoil out of the city. And he brought out 3
the people that were in it, and cut them with saws, and
with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so dealt David
with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David
and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at 4
Gezer with the Philistines; at which time Sibbechai the
Hushathite slew Saphi, one of the children of the giant;
and they were subdued. And there was war again with 5
the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi

the brother of Goliath the Gathite, whose spear staff was
6 like a weaver's beam. And yet again there was war at
Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and
toes were six and six, or four and twenty; and he also was
7 born of the giant. But when he defied Israel, Jonathan
8 the son of Shimea David's brother slew him. These were
born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of
David, and by the hand of his servants.

1 And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David
2 to number Israel. And David said to Joab and to the
rulers of the people, 'Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba
'even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that
3 'I may know it.' And Joab said, 'May Jehovah make his
'people a hundred times so many more as they are; but,
'my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants?
'Why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he
4 'be a cause of guilt to Israel?' Nevertheless the king's
word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed,
and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.
5 And Joab gave the sum of the register of the people unto
David. And all they of Israel were a thousand thousand
and an hundred thousand men that drew sword; and Judah
was four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that
6 drew sword. But Levi and Benjamin registered he not
among them; for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

7 And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he
8 smote Israel. And David said unto God, 'I have sinned
'greatly, because I have done this thing; but now, I beseech
'thee, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have
9 'done very foolishly.' And Jehovah spake unto Gad, Da-
10 vid's seer, saying, 'Go and tell David, saying, Thus saith
'Jehovah, I offer thee three things; choose to thee one of
11 'them, that I may do it unto thee.' So Gad came to David,
12 and said unto him, 'Thus saith Jehovah, Take to thee either
'three years famine; or three months to be destroyed before
'thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh
'thee; or else three days of the sword of Jehovah, even the
'pestilence, in the land, and the angel of Jehovah destroy-
'ing throughout all the boundaries of Israel. Now there-
'fore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to Him
13 'that sent me.' And David said unto Gad, 'I am in a
'great strait; let me fall now into the hand of Jehovah;

'for very many are his mercies; but let me not fall into
'the hand of man.'

So Jehovah sent pestilence upon Israel; and there fell 14
of Israel seventy thousand men. And God sent an angel 15
unto Jerusalem to destroy it. And as he was destroying,
Jehovah beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said
to the angel that destroyed, 'It is enough, stay now thine
'hand.' And the angel of Jehovah stood by the threshing-
floor of Ornan [or Araunah] the Jebusite. And David lifted 16
up his eyes, and saw the angel of Jehovah standing be-
tween the earth and the heavens, having his drawn sword
in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David
and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.
And David said unto God, 'Is it not I that commanded the 17
'people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and
'done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they
'done? Let thine hand, I pray thee, O Jehovah my God, be
'on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people,
'that they should be plagued.'

Then the angel of Jehovah commanded Gad to say to 18
David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto
Jehovah on the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. And 19
David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the
name of Jehovah. And Ornan turned back, and saw the 20
angel; and then his four sons with him hid themselves.
Now Ornan was threshing wheat. And as David came to 21
Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and he went out of
the threshing-floor, and bowed himself to David with his
face to the ground. Then David said to Ornan, 'Grant me 22
'the place of this threshing-floor, that I may build an altar
'thereon unto Jehovah; thou shalt grant it me for the full
'price; that the plague may be stayed from the people.'
And Ornan said unto David, 'Take it to thee, and let my 23
'lord the king do what is good in his eyes. Lo, I will give
'thee the oxen also for burnt offerings, and the threshing
'instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meal offering.
'I give it all.' And king David said to Ornan, 'Nay; but 24
'I will verily buy it for the full price; for I will not take
'that which is thine for Jehovah, nor offer burnt offerings
'without cost.' So David gave to Ornan for the place six 25
hundred Shekels [or half ounces] of gold by weight. And 26
David built there an altar unto Jehovah, and offered burnt

offerings and peace offerings, and called upon Jehovah. And
He answered him by fire from heaven upon the altar of
27 burnt offering. And Jehovah commanded the angel; and
he put up his sword again into its sheath.
28 At that time when David saw that Jehovah had answered
him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he
29 sacrificed there. (For the tabernacle of Jehovah, which
Moses had made in the desert, and the altar of the burnt
offering, were at that time on the High Place at Gibeon.)
30 But David could not go before it to inquire of God; for he
was afraid because of the sword of the angel of Jehovah.

1 Then David said, 'Here shall be the House of Jehovah
'God, and this shall be the altar of the burnt offering for
2 'Israel.' And David commanded to gather together the
strangers that were in the land of Israel; and he set masons
3 to hew wrought stones to build the House of God. And
David prepared iron in abundance for the pivots for the
doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and copper in
4 abundance without weight; also cedar trees without num-
ber; for the Sidonians and they of Tyre brought much
5 cedar wood to David. And David said, 'Solomon my son
'is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for
'Jehovah must be exceeding magnificent, of fame and of
'glory throughout all countries; I will therefore now make
'preparation for it.' So David prepared abundantly before
his death.

6 Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to
7 build a House for Jehovah the God of Israel. And David
said to Solomon, 'My son, as for me, it was in my mind
'to build a House unto the Name of Jehovah my God.
8 'But the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Thou hast
'shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars; thou
'shalt not build a House unto my Name, because thou
9 'hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight. Be-
'hold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of
'rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round
'about. For his name shall be Solomon [or Peaceable];
'and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days.
10 'He shall build a House for my Name; and he shall be
'my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the
11 'throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever. Now, my son,
'may Jehovah be with thee; and may thou prosper, and

'build the House of Jehovah thy God, as he hath said of
'thee. Only may Jehovah give thee wisdom and under- 12
'standing, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou
'mayest keep the Law of Jehovah thy God. Then shalt 13
'thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and
'judgments which Jehovah commanded Moses concerning
'Israel. Be strong, and of good courage; fear not, nor be
'dismayed. Now, behold, in my poverty I have prepared 14
'for the House of Jehovah a hundred thousand Kikars
'[or hundred weights] of gold, and a thousand thousand
'Kikars of silver; and of copper and iron without weight,
'for it is in abundance; timber also and stone have I pre-
'pared; and thou mayest add thereto. Moreover there are 15
'workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of
'stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every
'manner of work. Of the gold, the silver, and the copper, 16
'and the iron, there is no number. Arise therefore, and
'be doing, and may Jehovah be with thee.'

David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help 17
Solomon his son, [saying,] 'Is not Jehovah your God with 18
'you? And hath he not given you rest on every side? for
'he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand;
'and the land is subdued before Jehovah, and before his
'people. Now set your heart and your soul to seek Jehovah 19
'your God; arise therefore, and build ye the Sanctuary of
'Jehovah God, to bring the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah,
'and the holy vessels of God, into the House that is to be
'built to the name of Jehovah.'

So when David was old and full of days, he made Solo- 1
mon his son king over Israel. And he gathered together 2
all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites.
Now the LEVITES were numbered from the age of thirty 3
years and upward; and their number by their polls, man
by man, was thirty and eight thousand. 'Of these [said 4
'David] twenty and four thousand are to manage the work
'of the House of Jehovah; and six thousand are to be
'officers and judges; moreover four thousand are to be door- 5
'keepers; and four thousand are to praise Jehovah with
'the instruments which I made to praise therewith.' And 6
David divided them into courses among the sons of Levi,
namely, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

Of the Gershonites were Laadan, and Shimei.—The sons 7

of Laadan; the chief was Jehiel, and Zetham, and Joel, three.
—The sons of Shimei; Shelomith, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These were the chief of the fathers of [the family of] Laadan.—And the sons of Shimei were Jahath, Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei.
And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second; but Jeush and Beriah had not many sons; therefore they were in one register, according to their father's house.
The sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four.—The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses. And Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the Holy of Holies, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before Jehovah, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever; but of Moses the man of God, his sons were named of the tribe of Levi. The sons of Moses were Gershom, and Eliezer. Of the sons of Gershom, Shebuel was the chief. And the sons of Eliezer were Rehabiah the chief. And Eliezer had none other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were very many.—Of the sons of Izhar; Shelomith the chief.—Of the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.—Of the sons of Uzziel; Micah the first, and Ishiah the second.
The sons of Merari were Mahli, and Mushi.—The sons of Mahli were Eleazar, and Kish.—And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters; and their brethren the sons of Kish took them.—The sons of Mushi were Mahli, and Ader, and Jeremoth, three.
These were the sons of Levi after the house of their fathers; even the chief of the fathers, as they were registered by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the service of the House of Jehovah, from the age of twenty years and upward. For David said, 'Jehovah the 'God of Israel hath given rest unto his people, that they 'may dwell in Jerusalem for ever;' and also unto the Levites, 'they shall no more carry the tabernacle nor any vessels of 'it for the service thereof.' For by the last words of David the sons of Levi were numbered from twenty years old and above; because their place was at the side of the sons of Aaron for the service of the House of Jehovah, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the House of

God; both for the ceremonial bread, and for the fine flour 29
for meal offering, and for the unleavened wafers, and for
that of the pan, and for that which is fried, and for all
manner of measure and size; and to stand every morning 30
to thank and praise Jehovah, and likewise at evening, and 31
to offer all burnt offerings unto Jehovah on the sabbaths,
on the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, ac-
cording as was commanded unto them, continually before
Jehovah; and that they should keep the charge of the 32
Appointed Tent, and the charge of the Holy Place, and the
charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, in the service
of the House of Jehovah.

Now these are the COURSES OF THE SONS OF AARON. The
sons of Aaron were Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had 1
no children; therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the
priest's office. And David distributed them, both Zadok 2
of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Itha-
mar, according to their offices in their service. And there 4
were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of
the sons of Ithamar. And thus were they divided in courses.
Among the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen chief men of
the house of their fathers, and eight among the sons of
Ithamar of the house of their fathers. Thus were they 5
divided by lot, one sort with another. For the governors
of the Holy Place, and the governors [of the house] of God,
were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar.
And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, one of the 6
Levites, wrote them before the king, and the princes, and
Zadok the Priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and
before the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites;
one principal household being taken for Eleazar, and one
taken for Ithamar.

Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, 7
the second to Jedaiah,
the third to Harim, 8
the fourth to Seorim,
the fifth to Malchijah, 9
the sixth to Mijamin,
the seventh to Hakkoz, 10
the eighth to Abijah,
the ninth to Jeshuah, 11

the tenth to Shecaniah,
12 the eleventh to Eliashib,
the twelfth to Jakim,
13 the thirteenth to Huppah,
the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,
14 the fifteenth to Bilgah,
the sixteenth to Immer,
15 the seventeenth to Hezir,
the eighteenth to Aphses,
16 the nineteenth to Pethahiah,
the twentieth to Jehezekel,
17 the one and twentieth to Jachin,
the two and twentieth to Gamul,
18 the three and twentieth to Delaiah,
the four and twentieth to Maaziah.
19 These were the orderings of them in their service to come into the House of Jehovah, according to the ordinances made for them by the hand of Aaron their father, as Jehovah the God of Israel had commanded him.
20 And the REST OF THE SONS OF LEVI were these. Of the sons of Amram; Shubael. Of the sons of Shubael; Jehdeiah.
21 Of Rehabiah; of the sons of Rehabiah, the first was Ishiah.
22 —Of the Izharites; Shelomoth. Of the sons of Shelo-
23 moth; Jahath.—And the sons [of Hebron]; Jeriah, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.
24 —Of the sons of Uzziel; Micah. Of the sons of Micah;
25 Shamir. The brother of Micah was Ishiah. Of the sons of Ishiah; Zechariah.
26 The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi; the sons of
27 Jaaziah; Beno. The sons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and
28 Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri. Of Mahli came Eleazar, who
29 had no sons. Of Kish; the son of Kish was Jerahmeel.
30 The sons also of Mushi; Mahli, and Ader, and Jerimoth.
These were the sons of the Levites after the house of their
31 fathers. These likewise cast lots equally with their brethren the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites; even the chief fathers equally with their younger brethren.
1 Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service some of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with HARPS, with

PSALTERIES, and with CYMBALS. And the number of the men for the work according to their service was;—of the 2
sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph by the side of Asaph, who prophesied by the side of the king;—of Jeduthun; the 3
sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, by the side of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise Jehovah;—of Heman; the sons of Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, 4
Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth. All these were 5
the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

All these were by the side of their fathers, Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman, for song in the House of Jehovah, with 6
cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the House of God, by the side of the king. So the number of them, 7
with their brethren that were instructed in the songs of Jehovah, even all that were skilful, was two hundred fourscore and eight. And they cast lots, ward against ward, as 8
well the small as the great, the skilful as the scholar.
Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph. 9
The second to Gedaliah, who with his brethren and sons were twelve.
The third to Zaccur, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were 10
twelve.
The fourth to Izri, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were 11
twelve.
The fifth to Nethaniah, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were 12
twelve.
The sixth to Bukkiah, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were 13
twelve.
The seventh to Jesharelah, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, 14
were twelve.
The eighth to Jeshaiah, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, 15
were twelve.
The ninth to Mattaniah, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, 16
were twelve.
The tenth to Shimei, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were 17
twelve.

18 The eleventh to Azareel, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.
19 The twelfth to Hashabiah, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.
20 The thirteenth to Shubael, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.
21 The fourteenth to Mattithiah, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.
22 The fifteenth to Jeremoth, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.
23 The sixteenth to Hananiah, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.
24 The seventeenth to Joshbekashah, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.
25 The eighteenth to Hanani, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.
26 The nineteenth to Mallothi, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.
27 The twentieth to Eliathah, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.
28 The one and twentieth to Hothir, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.
29 The two and twentieth to Giddalti, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.
30 The three and twentieth to Mahazioth, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.
31 The four and twentieth to Romamti-ezer, [he,] his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.

26 1 Concerning the courses of the DOOR-KEEPERS; of the Korahites was Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of
2 Asaph. And the sons of Meshelemiah were Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel
4 the fourth, Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elioenai
5 the seventh.—And the sons of Obed-edom were Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and
6 Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth, Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth; for God had blessed him. Also unto Shemaiah his son were sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their father; for they were warriors of valour. The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren were sons

of valour, Elihu, and Semachiah. All these of the sons of 8
Obed-edom; they and their sons and their brethren, able
men of strength for the service, were threescore and two of
Obed-edom.—And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, 9
sons of valour, eighteen. Also Hosah, of the sons of Merari, 10
had sons; Simri the chief, (for though he was not the first-
born, yet his father made him the chief;) Hilkiah the second, 11
Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth. All the sons
and brethren of Hosah were thirteen. Among these were 12
the courses of the door-keepers, even among the chief men,
having wards jointly with their brethren, to minister in the
house of Jehovah.

And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, ac- 13
cording to the house of their fathers, for every gate. And 14
the lot eastward fell to Shelemiah [or Meshelemiah]. Then
for Zechariah his son, a counsellor of wisdom, they cast
lots; and his lot came out northward. To Obed-edom 15
southward; and to his sons the House of the Stores [or the
armoury]. To Shuppim and Hosah [the lot came forth] 16
westward, with the gate of Shallecheth [or the bridge],
by the flight of steps of the steep road, ward jointly with
ward. Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, 17
southward four a day, and toward the Store-rooms two and
two. At Parbar [or the Lower City] westward, four at the 18
flight of steps, and two at Parbar. These are the courses
of the door-keepers among the sons of the Korahites, and
among the sons of Merari.

And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of the 20
House of God, and over the treasures of the holy things.
Of the sons of Laadan, the sons of the Gershonite Laadan, 21
the chief fathers, even of Laadan the Gershonite, were Je-
hieli. The sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, 22
who were over the treasures of the House of Jehovah.

Of the Amramites, of the Izharites, of the Hebronites, of 23
the Uzzielites;—and Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son 24
of Moses, was ruler of the treasures; and his brethren by 25
Eliezer; Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiah his son, and Joram
his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son. This 26
Shelomith and his brethren were over all the treasures of
the holy things, which David the king, and the chief fathers,
the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the cap-

27 tains of the host, had made holy. Out of the spoils won in
battles did they make them holy, to maintain the House of
28 Jehovah. And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son
of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of
Zeruiah, had made holy; and whosoever had made anything
holy, it was under the hand of Shelomith, and of his bre-
29 thren.—Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for
the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges.—
30 Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, sons of
valour, a thousand and seven hundred, were over the offices
of Israel beyond the Jordan westward in all the business
31 of Jehovah, and in the service of the king. Among the
Hebronites was Jerijah the chief, even among the Hebron-
ites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the
fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for,
and there were found among them warriors of valour at
32 Jazer of Gilead. And his brethren, sons of valour, were
two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers, whom king
David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and
the half tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to
God or the king.

27 1 Now the CHILDREN OF ISRAEL after their number, to wit,
the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds,
and their officers that served the king in any matter of
the courses, who came in and went out month by month
throughout all the months of the year, in each of the courses
were twenty and four thousand.

2 Over the first course for the first month was Jashobeam
the son of Zabdiel; and in his course were twenty and four
3 thousand. One of the children of Pharez was the chief of
all the captains of the host for the first month.

4 And over the course of the second month was Dodai an
Ahohite, and of his course was Mikloth also the ruler; in
his course likewise were twenty and four thousand.

5 The third captain of the host for the third month was
Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a chief priest; and in his
6 course were twenty and four thousand. This is that Be-
naiah, who was a warrior among the thirty, and over the
thirty; and in his course was Ammizabad his son.

7 The fourth captain for the fourth month was Asahel the
brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him; and in
his course were twenty and four thousand.

The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite; and in his course twenty and four thousand. 8

The sixth captain for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite; and in his course twenty and four thousand. 9

The seventh captain for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim; and in his course twenty and four thousand. 10

The eighth captain for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites; and in his course twenty and four thousand. 11

The ninth captain for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anetothite, of the Benjamites; and in his course twenty and four thousand. 12

The tenth captain for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite of the Zarhites; and in his course twenty and four thousand. 13

The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim; and in his course twenty and four thousand. 14

The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel; and in his course twenty and four thousand. 15

Furthermore over the TRIBES OF ISRAEL; the ruler of the 16
Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri;
of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah;
of the Levites, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel; 17
of the Aaronites, Zadok;
of Judah, Elihu, one of the brethren of David; 18
of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael;
of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah; 19
of Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel;
of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah; 20
of the Half Tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah;
of the Half Tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of 21
Zechariah;
of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner;
of Dan, Azareel the son of Jeroham. 22

These were the captains of the tribes of Israel. But 23
David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under; because Jehovah had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens. Joab the son of 24

Zeruiah began to number, but he finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Israel; neither was the number put in the numbering in the Chronicles of king David.

25 And over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel;—and over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the towers, was Jehonathan the
26 son of Uzziah;—and over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground was Ezri the son of Chelub;
27 —and over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite;—over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars was
28 Zabdi the Shiphmite;—and over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the Low Country was Baal-hanan the Gederite;—and over the cellars of oil was Joash;—
29 and over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite;—and over the herds that were in the valleys was
30 Shaphat the son of Adlai;—over the camels also was Obil the Ishmaelite;—and over the she asses was Jehdeiah the
31 Meronothite;—and over the sheep and goats was Jaziz the Hagarite. All these were the stewards of the substance
32 which was king David's. Also Jonathan David's uncle was a counsellor, a man of understanding, and a scribe. And Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons;
33 and Ahithophel was the king's counsellor. And Hushai the
34 Archite was the king's companion. And after Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar. And the general of the king's army was Joab.

1 And David assembled all the captains of Israel, the captains of the tribes, and the captains of the courses that ministered to the king, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the chamberlains, and the warriors, even
2 every warrior of valour, unto Jerusalem. Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, 'Hear me, my bre-'thren, and my people. I had in mine heart to build a 'house of rest for the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah, and 'for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the
3 'building; but God said unto me, Thou shalt not build a 'house for my Name, because thou hast been a man of war,
4 'and hast shed blood. Howbeit Jehovah the God of Israel 'chose me before all the house of my father to be king over 'Israel for ever. For he hath chosen Judah to be the

'ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father;
'and among the sons of my father he liked me to make me
'king over all Israel. And of all my sons (for Jehovah hath 5
'given me many sons), he hath chosen Solomon my son
'to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of Jehovah over
'Israel. And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall 6
'build my house and my courts; for I have chosen him to
'be my son, and I will be his father. Moreover I will esta- 7
'blish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my
'commandments and my judgments, as at this day. Now 8
'therefore in the sight of all Israel the assembly of Jeho-
'vah, and in the hearing of our God, keep and seek for all
'the commandments of Jehovah your God; so that ye may
'possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for
'your children after you for ever. And thou, Solomon my 9
'son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with
'a perfect heart and with a willing mind. For Jehovah
'searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the fashions of
'the thoughts. If thou seek him, he will be found of thee;
'but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.
'Take heed now; for Jehovah hath chosen thee to build 10
'a house for the Sanctuary. Be strong, and do it.'

Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the 11
porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries
thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner
rooms thereof, and of the chamber for the Cover [of the
Ark], and the pattern of all that he had in his mind, of 12
the courts of the House of Jehovah, and of all the chambers
round about, of the treasuries of the House of God, and of
the treasuries of the holy things; also for the courses of 13
the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the ser-
vice of the House of Jehovah, and for all the vessels of ser-
vice in the House of Jehovah. He gave of gold by weight 14
for things of gold, for all instruments of all manner of ser-
vice; [silver also] for all instruments of silver by weight,
for all instruments of every kind of service; even the weight 15
for the lamp-stands of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by
weight for every lamp-stand, and for the lamps thereof; and
for the lamp-stands of silver by weight, both for the lamp-
stand, and also for the lamps thereof, according to the use
of every lamp-stand. And by weight he gave gold for the 16
ceremonial tables, for every table; and likewise silver for

the tables of silver; also pure gold for the fleshhooks, and the sprinkling vessels, and the cups; and for the golden cups with covers [he gave gold] by weight for every covered cup; and [likewise silver] by weight for every covered cup of silver; and for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubs, that spread out and covered the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah.

'All this, [said David,] Jehovah made me understand in 'writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this 'pattern.' And David said to Solomon his son, 'Be strong 'and of good courage, and do it; fear not, nor be dismayed; 'for Jehovah God, even my God, will be with thee; he 'will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished 'all the work for the service of the House of Jehovah. And, 'behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites are for 'all the service of the House of God; and there shall be 'with thee for all manner of workmanship every willing 'man, skilful for any manner of service; also the captains 'and all the people will be wholly at thy command.'

And David the king said unto all the assembly, 'Solomon 'my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and 'tender, and the work is great; for the Palace is not for 'man, but for Jehovah God. Now I have prepared with 'all my might for the House of my God the gold for things 'of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the copper 'for things of copper, the iron for things of iron, and wood 'for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, 'glistering stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of 'precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. More- 'over, because I have set my affection on a House for my 'God, I have of mine own peculiar goods, of gold and silver, 'which I have given for the House of my God, over and 'above all that I have prepared for the holy House, even 'three thousand Kikars [or hundred weights] of gold, of 'the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand Kikars of refined 'silver, to overlay the walls of the houses with; the gold 'for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and 'for all manner of work to be made by the hands of arti- 'ficers. And who then is willing to come with his hands 'full this day unto Jehovah?'

Then the chief of the fathers and chiefs of the tribes of

Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the stewards of the king's work, offered willingly; and they 7
gave for the service of the House of God, of gold five thousand Kikars and ten thousand Darics [or Pounds sterling], and of silver ten thousand Kikars, and of copper eighteen thousand Kikars, and one hundred thousand Kikars of iron. And they with whom precious stones were found gave them 8
to the treasure of the House of Jehovah, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced, for that 9
they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to Jehovah; and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

And David blessed Jehovah in the sight of all the as- 10
sembly. And David said, 'Blessed art thou, Jehovah the 'God of Israel our father, from everlasting to everlasting. 'Thine, O Jehovah, is the greatness, and the power, and 11
'the glory, and the strength, and the majesty; for all that 'is in the heavens and on the earth is thine; thine is the 'kingdom, O Jehovah, and thou art exalted as head above 'all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reign- 12
'est over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and 'in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength 'unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and 13
'praise thy glorious name. But who am I, and what is my 14
'people, that we should have strength to offer so willingly 'after this sort? For all things come from thee, and of 'thine own hand have we given unto thee. For we are 15
'strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our 'fathers; our days on the earth are as a shadow, and we 'have no hope. O Jehovah our God, all this store that 16
'we have prepared to build thee a House for thine holy 'Name cometh from thine hand, and is all thine own. I 17
'know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast 'pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness 'of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things; 'and now have I seen with joy thy people, who are pre- 'sent here, to offer willingly unto thee. O Jehovah, the 18
'God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep 'this for ever within the fashion of the thoughts of the 'heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee; 'and give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep 19

'thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and
'to do all these things, and to build the Palace [or temple],
'for the which I have made provision.'
20 And David said to all the assembly, 'Now bless Jehovah
'your God.' And all the assembly blessed Jehovah the
God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and wor-
21 shipped Jehovah, and the king. And they sacrificed sacri-
fices unto Jehovah, and offered burnt offerings unto Jeho-
vah, on the morrow after that day, even a thousand bullocks,
a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink
22 offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel. And
they did eat and drink before Jehovah on that day with
great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David
to be king the second time, and anointed him unto Jehovah
to be the chief governor, and Zadok to be priest.
23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of Jehovah as king in-
stead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel
24 obeyed him. And all the princes, and the warriors, and
all the sons likewise of king David, submitted themselves
25 unto Solomon the king. And Jehovah magnified Solomon
exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon
him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before
him in Israel.
26 Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. And
27 the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven
years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years
28 reigned he in Jerusalem. And he died in a good old age,
full of days, riches, and honour; and Solomon his son
29 reigned in his stead [in B.C. 1011]. Now the acts of David
the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book
of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet,
30 and in the book of Gad the seer, with all his reign and his
might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel,
and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES.

1 AND Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his
kingdom, and Jehovah his God was with him, and mag-
2 nified him exceedingly. Then Solomon spake unto all Israel,
to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the

judges, and to every prince in all Israel, the chief of the fathers. So Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went 3
to the High Place [or Altar] that was at Gibeon; for there was the Appointed Tent of God, which Moses the servant of Jehovah had made in the desert. (But, indeed, the Ark 4
of God had David brought up from the city of Jearim to the place which David had prepared for it; for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.) And the altar of copper 5
that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he had put before the Tabernacle of Jehovah; and Solomon and the assembly sought unto it. And Solomon went up 6
thither to the altar of copper before Jehovah, which was at the Appointed Tent, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it.

In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said 7
unto him, 'Ask what I shall give thee.' And Solomon said 8
unto God, 'Thou hast shewed great kindness unto David 'my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead. Now, 9
'O Jehovah God, let thy promise unto David my father be 'established; for thou hast made me king over a people 'like the dust of the earth in multitude. Give me now 10
'wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in 'before this people. For who can judge this thy people, 'that is so great?' And God said to Solomon, 'Because 11
'this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, 'wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither 'yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and know-'ledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over 'whom I have made thee king; wisdom and knowledge is 12
'granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, 'and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have 'been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have 'the like.'

Then Solomon came from the High Place that was at 13
Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the Appointed Tent, and reigned over Israel. And Solomon gathered chariots and 14
horsemen; and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. And 15
the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem as plenteous as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycamore trees that are in the Low Country for abundance. And Solomon had 16

horses brought out of Egypt, and a troop of the king's mer-
17 chants received the troop [of horses] at a price. And they
fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for
six hundred pieces of silver [or three hundred shillings],
and an horse for a hundred and fifty; and so brought they
for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria,
by their means.

1 And Solomon determined to build a house for the Name
2 of Jehovah, and a house for his kingdom. And Solomon
told out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens,
and fourscore thousand to hew on the mountain, and three
3 thousand and six hundred to oversee them. And Solomon
sent to Huram the king of Tyre, saying, 'As thou didst
'deal with David my father, and didst send unto him cedars
4 'to build him a house to dwell therein; behold, I would
'build a house to the Name of Jehovah my God, to make
'it holy unto him, and to burn before him sweet incense,
'and for the continual ceremonial, and for the burnt offer-
'ings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the
'new moons, and on the solemn feasts of Jehovah our God.
5 'This is to be for ever to Israel. And the House which I
6 'build is great; for great is our God above all gods. But
'who hath strength to build for him a House, seeing the
'heavens and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? Who
'am I then, that I should build him a House, save only
7 'to burn incense before him? Send me now therefore a
'man skilful to work in gold, and in silver, and in copper,
'and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that
'knoweth how to make carvings with the skilful men that
'are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my
8 'father did provide. Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and
'algum trees, out of Lebanon; for I know that thy servants
'know how to cut timber on Lebanon; and, behold, my
9 'servants shall be with thy servants, even to prepare me
'timber in abundance; for the house which I am about to
10 'build shall be great and wonderful. And, behold, I will
'give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty
'thousand Cors [of nine bushels each] of threshed wheat,
'and twenty thousand Cors of barley, and twenty thousand
'Baths [of seven gallons and a half each] of wine, and twenty
'thousand Baths of oil.'

11 Then Huram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which

he sent to Solomon, 'Because Jehovah hath loved his people,
'he hath made thee king over them.' Huram said more- 12
over, 'Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel, that made
'the heavens and earth, who hath given to David the king
'a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that
'might build a house for Jehovah, and a house for his
'kingdom. And now I have sent a skilful man, endued 13
'with understanding, of Huram my father's, the son of a 14
'woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man
'of Tyre, who knew how to work in gold, and in silver,
'in copper, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in
'blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to carve any
'manner of carving, and to find out every device which
'shall be put to him, with thy skilful men, and with the
'skilful men of my lord David thy father. Now therefore 15
'the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which
'my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants.
'And we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as thou 16
'shalt need; and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea
'to Joppa; and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem.'

And Solomon numbered all the strangers that were in 17
the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith David
his father had numbered them; and they were found a
hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six
hundred. And he set threescore and ten thousand of them 18
to be bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand to be
hewers on the mountain, and three thousand and six hun-
dred overseers to make the people work.

Then Solomon began to build the HOUSE OF JEHOVAH at 1
Jerusalem on mount Moriah, where He had appeared unto
David his father, in the place that David had prepared on
the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. And he began 2
to build on the second day of the second month, in the
fourth year of his reign [in B.C. 1008].

Now in these Solomon was instructed for the building 3
of the House of God. The length by cubits after the longer
measure was threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cu-
bits. And of the Porch that was at the front, the length 4
was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits,
and the height was a hundred and twenty. And he over-
laid it on the inside with pure gold. And the Greater Room 5
he coated with fir timber, which he overlaid with fine gold,

6 and set thereon palm trees and chains. And he covered
the house with precious stones for beauty; and the gold
7 was gold of Parvaim. He overlaid also the house, the beams,
the door-posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof,
with gold; and he carved cherubs on the walls.

8 And he made the chamber of the HOLY OF HOLIES; the
length whereof was according to the breadth of the house,
twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits; and
he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred
9 Kikars [or hundred weights]. And the weight of the nails
was fifty Shekels [or half ounces] of gold. And he overlaid
10 the upper chambers with gold. And in the chamber of
the HOLY OF HOLIES he made TWO CHERUBS of image work,
11 and overlaid them with gold. And the wings of the cherubs
were twenty cubits long; one wing being five cubits, reach-
ing to the wall of the house; and the other wing being five
12 cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub. And one
wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the
wall of the house; and the other wing was five cubits also,
13 joining to the wing of the first cherub. The wings of these
cherubs spread themselves forth twenty cubits. And they
stood on their feet, and their faces were toward the chamber.

14 And he made the VEIL of blue, and purple, and crimson,
and fine linen, and he wrought cherubs thereon.

15 Also he made before the House TWO PILLARS of thirty
and five cubits high, and the capital that was on the top
16 of each of them was five cubits. And he made chains, [as]
in the place of the Oracle, and put them on the heads of
the pillars; and made a hundred pomegranates, and put
17 them on the chains. And he reared up the pillars before
the Great Hall, one on the right hand, and the other on the
left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin,
and the name of that on the left Boaz.

1 Moreover he made an ALTAR OF COPPER, twenty cubits
the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof,
and ten cubits the height thereof.

2 Also he made a molten WATER-CISTERN of ten cubits
from brim to brim, round all about, and five cubits the
height thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did encompass
3 it round about. And under it were images of oxen, which
did encompass it round about. [And there were gourds] ten
in a cubit, encircling the Water-cistern round about in two

rows. The oxen were cast in moulds. It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east. And the Water-cistern was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward. And the thickness of it was a handbreadth [or three inches]; and the brim of it was like the work of the brim of the cup of the flower of a lily. It received and held three thousand Baths [or 22,000 gallons].

He made also ten LAVERS [or Basins], and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them. The work of the burnt offering they cleansed in them; but the Water-cistern was for the priests to wash in. And he made ten LAMP-STANDS of gold according to one pattern, and set them in the Great Hall, five on the right hand, and five on the left. He made also ten Tables, and placed them in the Great Hall, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made a hundred Sprinkling Vessels of gold.

Furthermore he made the COURT OF THE PRIESTS, even the Great Terrace, and doors for the Terrace, and overlaid the doors of them with copper. And he set the Water-cistern on the right side [of the House] eastward, over against the south. And Huram made the Pots, and the Ladles, and the Sprinkling Vessels.

And Huram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the House of God; to wit, the two pillars, and the bowls, and the capitals which were on the top of the two pillars, and the two trellis works to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on the top of the pillars; and four hundred pomegranates on the two trellis works; two rows of pomegranates on each trellis work, to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were upon the face of the pillars. He made also the basin-stands; and lavers made he upon the basin-stands; one water-cistern, and twelve oxen under it. The pots also, and the ladles, and the flesh-hooks, and all their instruments, did Huram his father make for king Solomon for the House of Jehovah of polished copper. In the Circle of the Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah. Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance; for the weight of the copper was not sought for.

And Solomon made all the vessels that were for the

House of God, the Golden Altar also, and the Tables
20 whereon the Presence bread was set; moreover the Lamp-
stands with their lamps, that they should burn according
to the ordinance before the Place of the Oracle, of pure
21 gold; and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, made
22 he of gold, and that perfect gold; and the snuffers, and the
sprinkling vessels, and the spoons, and the censers, of pure
gold; and at the entry of the House, the inner doors thereof
for the Holy of Holies, and the doors of the House for the
Great Hall, were of gold.

1 Thus all the work that Solomon made for the House of
Jehovah was finished; and Solomon brought in all the
things that David his father had made holy; and the silver,
and the gold, and all the vessels, put he among the trea-
sures of the House of God.

2 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the
heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children
of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the Ark of the Cove-
nant of Jehovah out of the city of David, which is Zion.
3 Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto
the king at the Feast [of Tabernacles] which was in the
4 seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came; and
5 the Levites took up the Ark. And they brought up the
Ark, and the Appointed Tent, and all the holy vessels that
were in the Tent, these did the priests and the Levites
6 bring up. Also king Solomon, and all the congregation
of Israel that were assembled unto him before the Ark,
sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be counted nor
7 numbered for multitude. And the priests brought in the
Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah unto its place, into the
chamber of the Oracle in the House, into the Holy of Holies,
8 under the wings of the cherubs; for the cherubs spread
forth their wings over the place of the Ark, and the cherubs
9 covered the Ark and the staves thereof above. And so long
were the staves, that the ends of the staves from the Ark
were seen before the Place of the Oracle; but they were
not seen on the outside. And there it is unto this day.
10 There was nothing in the Ark save the Two Tables which
Moses put therein at Horeb, when Jehovah made a cove-
nant with the children of Israel, when they came out of
Lower Egypt.

11 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of

the Holy Place; (for all the priests that were present were made holy, and did not then wait by courses; also the 12
Levites who were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east side of the altar, and with them a hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets;) it 13
came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking Jehovah; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised Jehovah, [saying,] *For he is good; for his kindness endureth for ever;* that then the House was filled with a cloud, even the House of Jehovah; so that the priests could not stand 14
to minister by reason of the cloud; for the glory of Jehovah had filled the House of God.

Then said Solomon, 'Jehovah hath said that he would 1
'dwell in the thick darkness. But I have built a house of 2
'habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever.'
And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole as- 3
sembly of Israel. And all the assembly of Israel stood.
And he said, 'Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel, who 4
'hath with his hands fulfilled that which he spake with
'his mouth to my father David, saying, Since the day that 5
'I brought forth my people out of the land of Lower Egypt,
'I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build a
'house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I
'any man to be a ruler over my people Israel; but I have 6
'chosen Jerusalem, that my Name might be there; and
'have chosen David to be over my people Israel.—Now it 7
'was in the heart of David my father to build a house for
'the name of Jehovah the God of Israel. But Jehovah said 8
'to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to
'build a house for my Name, thou didst well in that it
'was in thine heart. Notwithstanding thou shalt not 9
'build the house; but thy son which shall come forth out
'of thy loins, he shall build the house for my Name.—Jeho- 10
'vah therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken;
'for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am
'set on the throne of Israel, as Jehovah promised, and have
'built the House for the name of Jehovah the God of Israel.
'And in it have I put the Ark, wherein is the Covenant of 11

12 'Jehovah, that he made with the children of Israel.' And
he stood before the Altar of Jehovah in the presence of all
13 the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands. For
Solomon had made a platform of copper, of five cubits long,
and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it
in the midst of the Terrace [or court]. And upon it he
stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the as-
sembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven,
14 and said, 'O Jehovah God of Israel, there is no God like
'thee in the heavens, nor on the earth; who keepest cove-
'nant and kindness with thy servants, that walk before thee
15 'with all their hearts; thou who hast kept with thy ser-
'vant David my father that which thou promisedst him;
'and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with
16 'thine hand, as it is this day. Now therefore, O Jehovah
'God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that
'which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not
'fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel;
'if so be that thy sons keep to their way to walk in my
17 'law, as thou hast walked before me.—Now then, O Jeho-
'vah God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou
'hast spoken unto thy servant David.
18 'But will God in truth dwell with men on the earth?
'Behold, the heavens and the heaven of heavens cannot con-
'tain thee; how much less this House which I have built!
19 'Turn therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his
'supplication, O Jehovah my God, to hearken unto the cry
'and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee;
20 'that thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night,
'upon the Place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest
'put thy Name there; to hearken unto the prayer which
21 'thy servant prayeth toward this place. Hearken there-
'fore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy
'people Israel, which they shall pray toward this place;
'hear thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven; and
'when thou hearest, forgive.
22 'If a man sin against his neighbour, and an oath be laid
'upon him to make him swear, and the oath come before
23 'thine altar in this House; then hear thou from heaven,
'and do, and judge thy servants, requiting the wicked, by
'bringing his way upon his own head; and justifying the
'righteous, by giving to him according to his righteousness.

'And if thy people Israel be put to the worse before the 24
'enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall
'return and confess thy name, and pray and make suppli-
'cation before thee in this House; then hear thou from 25
'heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring
'them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and
'to their fathers.

'When the heavens are shut up, and there is no rain, be- 26
'cause they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward
'this Place, and confess thy Name, and turn from their
'sin, when thou dost afflict them; then hear thou from 27
'heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy
'people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way,
'wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land,
'which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.

'If there be famine in the land, if there be pestilence, if 28
'there be blight, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillars; if their
'enemies besiege them in the land at the city gates; what-
'soever plague or whatsoever sickness there be; what prayer 29
'or what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or
'of all thy people Israel, when every one shall know his
'own plague and his own grief, and shall spread forth his
'hands toward this House; then hear thou from heaven thy 30
'dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man
'according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest;
'(for thou only knowest the hearts of the sons of Adam;) so 31
'that they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, all the days
'that they live upon the face of the land which thou gavest
'unto our fathers.

'Moreover concerning the stranger, who is not of thy 32
'people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great
'Name's sake, and for thy mighty hand, and thy stretched
'out arm; if they come and pray toward this House; then 33
'hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and do accord-
'ing to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; so that all
'people of the earth may know thy Name, and fear thee, as
'doth thy people Israel, and may know that this House
'which I have built is called by thy Name.

'When thy people go out to war against their enemies by 34
'the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto
'thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the
'House which I have built for thy Name; then hear thou 35

'from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and main-
'tain their cause.
36 'When they sin against thee, (for there is no man that
'sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver
'them over before their enemies, and they carry them away
37 'captives unto a land whether far off or near; yet if they
'lay it to heart in the land whither they are carried captive,
'and turn and make supplication unto thee in the land of
'their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done
38 'amiss, and have dealt wickedly; if they return to thee
'with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of
'their captivity, whither they have carried them captives,
'and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their
'fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and
39 'toward the House which I have built for thy Name; then
'hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place their prayer
'and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and for-
'give thy people whatever they have sinned against thee.
40 'Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open,
'and let thine ears be attentive unto the prayers of this
'place.
41 'And now arise, O Jehovah God, into thy resting place,
'Thou, and the ark of thy strength.
'Let thy priests, O Jehovah God, be clothed with salvation,
'And let thy godly ones rejoice in goodness.
42 'O Jehovah God, turn not away the face of thine anointed;
'Remember thy kindness done unto David thy servant.'

1 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the
fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt
offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of Jehovah filled
2 the house. And the priests could not enter into the House
of Jehovah, because the glory of Jehovah had filled the
3 House of Jehovah. And when all the children of Israel
saw how the fire came down, and the glory of Jehovah upon
the House, they bowed themselves with their faces to the
ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and gave
thanks to Jehovah, '*For he is good; for his kindness en-*
'*dureth for ever.*'

4 Then the king and all the people sacrificed sacrifices be-
5 fore Jehovah. And king Solomon sacrificed a sacrifice of
twenty and two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty
thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated

[or handseled] the House of God. And the priests waited 6
on their offices; the Levites also with instruments of music
of Jehovah, (which David the king had made to give thanks
to Jehovah, for his kindness endureth for ever, when David
praised by their ministry;) and the priests sounded trum-
pets before them, and all Israel stood. Moreover Solomon 7
hallowed the Middle of the Court that was before the House
of Jehovah. For there he offered burnt offerings, and the
fat of the peace offerings [or love feasts], because the copper
altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the
burnt offerings, and the meal offerings, and the fat.

And at the same time Solomon kept the Feast [of Taber- 8
nacles] for seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great
assembly, from the Pass of Hamath unto the valley of Lower
Egypt. And on the eighth day they kept a Day of Re- 9
straint [from work]; for they had kept the dedication [or
handseling] of the Altar for seven days, even the Feast for
seven days. And on the three and twentieth day of the 10
seventh month he sent the people away into their tents,
glad and merry in heart for the goodness that Jehovah had
shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his
people.

Thus Solomon finished the House of Jehovah, and the 11
king's house. And all that came into Solomon's heart to
make in the House of Jehovah, and in his own house, he
prosperously effected.

And Jehovah appeared to Solomon by night, and said 12
unto him, 'I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this
'place to myself for a house of sacrifice. If I shut up the 13
'heavens that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts
'to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my
'people; if my people, who are called by my name, shall 14
'humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn
'from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven,
'and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now 15
'mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attentive unto the
'prayers of this place. For now have I chosen and hal- 16
'lowed this House, that my Name may be there for ever;
'and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.
'And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David 17
'thy father walked, and do according to all that I have
'commanded thee, and wilt observe my statutes and my

18 'judgments; then will I establish the throne of thy king-
'dom, according as I have covenanted with David thy
'father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler
19 'in Israel. But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes
'and my commandments, which I have set before you, and
20 'shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; then
'will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which
'I have given them; and this House, which I have hallowed
'for my Name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make
21 'it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations. And
'then this House, which is high, shall become an astonish-
'ment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say,
'Why hath Jehovah done thus unto this land, and unto
22 'this house? And it shall be answered, Because they for-
'sook Jehovah the God of their fathers, who brought them
'forth out of the land of Lower Egypt, and they laid hold
'on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them.
'Therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.'

1 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein
Solomon had been building the House of Jehovah, and his
2 own house, that the cities which Huram had given to Solo-
mon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel
to dwell there.

3 And Solomon went to Hamath in Zobah, and prevailed
4 against it. And he built Tadmor [or Palmyra] in the desert,
5 and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath. Also
he built Beth-horon the Upper, and Beth-horon the Lower,
6 fenced cities, with walls, doors, and cross-bars; and Baalath,
and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the cha-
riot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solo-
mon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and
throughout all the land of his dominion.

7 As for all the people that were left of the Hittites, and
the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and
8 the Jebusites, who were not of Israel, for those of their
children, who were left after them in the land, whom the
children of Israel consumed not, them did Solomon make to
9 pay tribute until this day. But of the children of Israel
did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they were
men of war, and captains of his chiefs-of-three, even captains
10 of his chariots and horsemen. And these were the chief

of king Solomon's officers, even two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.

And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of 11
the city of David unto the house that he had built for her;
for he said, 'My wife shall not dwell in the house of David
'king of Israel, because the places are holy, whereunto the
'Ark of Jehovah hath come.'

Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto Jehovah on 12
the Altar of Jehovah, which he had built before the Porch,
even after a certain rate every day, offering according to 13
the command of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new
moons; and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year,
even at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and at the Feast
of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles. And he ap- 14
pointed, according to the order of David his father, the
courses of the priests to their service, and of the Levites
to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests,
for the business of every day; the door-keepers also by their
courses at every gate; for so had David the man of God
commanded. And they departed not from the command 15
of the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any
matter, or concerning the treasures. Now all the work of 16
Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of
the House of Jehovah, and until it was finished. So the
House of Jehovah was perfected.

Then went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to Eloth, at the 17
side of the [Red] sea in the land of Edom. And Huram 18
sent unto him by the hands of his servants ships, and ser-
vants that had knowledge of the sea. And they went with
the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took thence four
hundred and fifty Kikars [or hundred weights] of gold, and
brought them to king Solomon.

And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solo- 1
mon, she came to try Solomon with hard questions at Jeru-
salem, with a very great company, and camels that bare
spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones. And
when she was come to Solomon, she spake to him of all
that was in her heart. And Solomon told her all her ques- 2
tions; and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he
told her not. And when the queen of Sheba had seen the 3
wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, and 4

the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent [or bridge] by which he went up into the House of Jehovah; there
5 was no more spirit in her. And she said to the king, 'It 'was a true report which I heard in mine own land of thine
6 'acts, and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not their 'words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it; and, be- 'hold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was 'not told me; for thou exceedest the fame that I heard.
7 'Happy are thy men, and happy are these thy servants, 'who stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom.
8 'Blessed be Jehovah thy God, who delighted in thee to 'set thee on his throne, to be king for Jehovah thy God; 'because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, 'therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment
9 'and righteousness.' And she gave the king a hundred and twenty Kikars of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones. Neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.

10 And the servants also of Huram, and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, brought algum [or
11 ebony] trees and precious stones. And the king made of the algum trees a flight of steps to the House of Jehovah, and to the king's house, and harps and psalteries for singers. And there were none such seen before in the land of Judah.
12 And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside [the value of] what she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

13 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and threescore and six Kikars [or
14 hundred weights] of gold; beside that which the traders and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and the Pashas [or governors] of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

15 And king Solomon made two hundred targets of mixed gold; six hundred [Shekels or half-ounces] of mixed gold
16 went to one target. And three hundred shields made he of mixed gold; three hundred [Shekels] of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

Moreover the king made a great Throne of ivory, and 17
overlaid it with pure gold. And there were six steps to 18
the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to
the throne, and arms on each side of the sitting place, and
two lions standing by the arms. And twelve lions stood 19
there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps.
There was not the like made in any kingdom.

And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon were of 20
gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Le-
banon were of pure gold. Nothing of silver was accounted
as anything in the days of Solomon. For the king's ships 21
went to Tarshish with the servants of Huram; once every
three years came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and
silver, tusks of ivory, and apes, and parrots. And king 22
Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and
wisdom.

And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of 23
Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his
heart. And they brought every man his present, vessels 24
of silver, and vessels of gold, and cloaks, armour, and spices,
horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and 25
chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed
in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. And 26
he ruled over all the kings from the River [Euphrates] even
unto the land of the Philistines, and to the boundary of
Egypt. And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, 27
and cedar trees made he as the sycamore trees that are in
the Low Country for abundance. And they brought unto 28
Solomon horses out of Lower Egypt, and out of all lands.

Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are 29
they not written in the Book of Nathan the prophet, and
in the Prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the Visions
of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat? And 30
Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.
And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in 31
the city of David his father; and Rehoboam his son reigned
in his stead [in B.C. 971].

And Rehoboam went to Shechem; for to Shechem were 1
all Israel come to make him king. And it came to pass,
when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was in Lower Egypt,
whither he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king,

3 heard it, that Jeroboam returned out of Lower Egypt. And
they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came
4 and spake to Rehoboam, saying, 'Thy father made our yoke
'grievous. Now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous
'servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put
5 'upon us, and we will serve thee.' And he said unto them,
'Come again unto me after three days.' And the people
departed.

6 And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that
had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived,
saying, 'What counsel give ye me to return answer to this
7 'people?' And they spake unto him, saying, 'If thou be
'kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words
8 'to them, they will be thy servants for ever.' But he for-
sook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took
counsel with the young men that had grown up with him,
9 that stood before him. And he said unto them, 'What
'advice give ye that we may return answer to this people,
'who have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke
10 'that thy father did put upon us?' And the young men
that had grown up with him spake unto him, saying, 'Thus
'shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee, saying,
'Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it some-
'what lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My
11 'little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins. For
'whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will
'put more to your yoke. My father chastised you with
'whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.'

12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on
the third day, as the king bade, saying, 'Come again to me
13 'on the third day.' And the king answered them roughly;
and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men,
14 and spake to them after the counsel of the young men,
saying, 'My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add
'thereto; my father chastised you with whips, but I will
15 'chastise you with scorpions.' So the king hearkened not
unto the people; for the cause was of God, that Jehovah
might perform his word, which he spake by the hand of
Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 And when all Israel saw that the king would not hearken
unto them, the people answered the king, saying, 'What
'portion have we in David?' and, 'We have no inheritance

'in the son of Jesse. Every man to your tents, O Israel;
'now, David, see to thine own house.' So all Israel went
to their tents. But as for the children of Israel that dwelt 17
in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that was over the 18
tribute; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones,
that he died. But king Rehoboam made speed to get him
up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. And Israel rebelled 19
against the house of David unto this day.

And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assem- 1
bled of the house of Judah and Benjamin a hundred and
fourscore thousand chosen men, who were warriors, to fight
against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to
Rehoboam. But the word of Jehovah came to Shemaiah 2
the man of God, saying, 'Speak unto Rehoboam the son of 3
'Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and
'Benjamin, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, Ye shall not go up, 4
'nor fight against your brethren. Return ye every man to
'his house; for this thing is done by me.' And they obeyed
the words of Jehovah, and returned from going against
Jeroboam.

And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for 5
defence in Judah. He built even 6
Beth-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,
and Beth-zur, and Shoco, and Adullam, 7
and Gath, and Moreshah, and Ziph, 8
and Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah, 9
and Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, 10
which are fenced cities in Judah and in Benjamin. And 11
he fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and
store of victual, and of oil and wine. And in every several 12
city he put shields and spears, and made them exceeding
strong. And Judah and Benjamin belonged to him.

And the priests and the Levites that were in all Israel 13
resorted to him out of all their boundaries. For the Levites 14
left their pasture lands and their possession, and came to
Judah and Jerusalem. (For Jeroboam and his sons had
cast them off from executing the priest's office unto Jehovah.
And he had set up for himself priests for the High Places 15
[or Altars], and for the Satyrs, and for the Calves which
he had made.) And after them out of all the tribes of 16
Israel such as set their hearts to seek Jehovah the God of

Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto Jehovah the
17 God of their fathers. So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong for three years; because for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.

18 And Rehoboam took to wife Mahlah the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David, and of Abihail the daughter
19 of Eliab the son of Jesse. And she bare him children;
20 Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham. And after her he took Maachah the daughter of Absalom. And she bare him
21 Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith. And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and threescore concubines; and begat twenty and eight sons,
22 and threescore daughters.) And Rehoboam made Abijah the son of Maachah to be the chief, to be ruler among his
23 brethren; for he thought to make him king. And he dealt wisely, and dispersed some of all his children throughout all the countries of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city; and he gave them victual in abundance. And he desired a multitude of wives.

1 And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, that he forsook
2 the Law of Jehovah, and all Israel with him. And it came to pass, that in the fifth year of king Rehoboam [B.C. 967] Shishak king of Lower Egypt came up against Jerusalem,
3 (because they had transgressed against Jehovah,) with twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen; and the people were without number that came with him out of Lower Egypt; the Libyans, the Sukkiims [or
4 Troglodytæ], and the Ethiopians. And he took the fenced cities which belonged to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.

5 Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah, that were gathered together at Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them, 'Thus saith
'Jehovah, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also
6 'left you in the hand of Shishak.' Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said,
7 'Jehovah is righteous.' And when Jehovah saw that they humbled themselves, the word of Jehovah came to Shemaiah, saying, 'They have humbled themselves; therefore I will
'not destroy them, but in a little while I will grant them

'deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon
'Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. Nevertheless they 8
'shall be his servants; that they may understand my ser-
'vice, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.'
So Shishak king of Lower Egypt came up against Jeru- 9
salem, and took away the treasures of the House of Jeho-
vah, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all.
He carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon
had made. Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields 10
of copper, and committed them to the hands of the chief
of the runners, that kept the entrance of the king's house.
And whenever the king entered into the House of Jehovah, 11
the runners came and fetched them; and they took them
back again into the runners' chamber. And when he 12
humbled himself, the anger of Jehovah turned from him,
that he would not destroy him altogether; and also in
Judah things went well.

So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, 13
and reigned; for Rehoboam was one and forty years old
when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in
Jerusalem, the city which Jehovah had chosen out of all
the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's
name was Naamah an Ammonitess. And he did evil, be- 14
cause he prepared not his heart to seek Jehovah.

Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not 15
written in the Book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo
the seer concerning genealogies? And there were wars
between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days. And 16
Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the
city of David; and Abijah his son reigned in his stead.

Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam [B.C. 954] 1
began ABIJAH to reign over Judah. He reigned three years 2
in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Michaiah the
daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between
Abijah and Jeroboam. And Abijah set the battle in array 3
with an army of valiant men of war, four hundred thou-
sand chosen men. Jeroboam also set the battle in array
against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men,
warriors of valour. And Abijah stood up upon mount Ze- 4
maraim, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, and said,
'Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel; ought ye not to 5
'know that Jehovah the God of Israel gave the kingdom

'over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons
6 'by a covenant of salt? Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat,
'the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up, and
7 'rebelled against his lord. And there were gathered unto
'him vain men, the sons of Belial, and they strengthened
'themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when
'Rehoboam was young and tender-hearted, and could not
8 'withstand them. And now ye think to withstand the
'kingdom of Jehovah in the hand of the sons of David.
'And ye are a great multitude, and there are with you the
9 'Golden Calves which Jeroboam made you for gods. Have
'ye not cast out the priests of Jehovah, the sons of Aaron,
'and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner
'of the nations of other lands? so that whosoever cometh
'to fill his hands with a young bullock and seven rams [as
'an offering], the same may be a priest of them that are no
10 'gods. But as for us, Jehovah is our God, and we have
'not forsaken him; and the priests, who minister unto
'Jehovah, are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait upon
11 'their business. And they burn unto Jehovah every morn-
'ing and every evening burnt offerings and sweet incense.
'The Ceremonial Bread also set they upon the Pure Table;
'and the lamp-stand of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn
'every evening; for we keep the charge of Jehovah our
12 'God; but ye have forsaken him. And, behold, God him-
'self is with us for our captain, and his priests with sounding
'trumpets to sound an alarm against you. O children of
'Israel, fight ye not against Jehovah the God of your
'fathers; for ye will not prosper.'
13 But Jeroboam caused liers in wait to come about behind
them; so they were before Judah, and the liers in wait
14 were behind them. And when Judah looked back, behold,
the battle was before and behind; and they cried unto
15 Jehovah, and the priests sounded with the trumpets, and
the men of Judah gave a shout. And as the men of Judah
shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all
16 Israel before Abijah and Judah. And the children of Israel
fled before Judah; and God delivered them into their hand.
17 And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter.
So there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand
18 chosen men. Thus the children of Israel were brought
under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed,

because they relied upon Jehovah the God of their fathers.
And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from 19
him, Beth-el with its suburbs, and Jeshanah with its sub-
urbs, and Ephraim with its suburbs. Neither did Jeroboam 20
recover strength again in the days of Abijah. And Jehovah
struck him, and he died.

But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, 21
and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters. And 22
the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings,
are written in the Commentary of the prophet Iddo. So 1
Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the
city of David; and Asa his son reigned in his stead
[B.C. 951].

In his days the land was quiet for ten years. And Asa 2
did what was good and right in the eyes of Jehovah his
God; for he took away the altars of the foreigner, and the 3
High Places, and brake down the images, and cut down the
groves of Ashera; and he commanded Judah to seek Je- 4
hovah the God of their fathers, and to obey the Law and
the Commandment. Also he took away out of all the cities 5
of Judah the High Places and the sun-images; and the
kingdom was quiet before him. And he built fenced cities 6
in Judah. For the land had rest, and he had no war in
those years; because Jehovah had given him rest. There- 7
fore he said unto Judah, 'Let us build these cities, and
'make about them walls, and towers, doors, and cross-
'bars, while the land is yet before us; because we have
'sought Jehovah our God, we have sought him, and he hath
'given us rest on every side.' So they built and prospered.
And Asa had an army of men that bare targets and spears, 8
out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin,
that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore
thousand. All these were warriors of valour.

And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian 9
[or of Upper Egypt] with a host of a thousand thousand,
and three hundred chariots. And he came unto Moreshah.
Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in 10
array in the valley of Zephathah at Moreshah. And Asa 11
cried unto Jehovah his God, and said, 'O Jehovah, it is
'nothing with thee to give help against many, even unto
'them that have no power. Help us, O Jehovah our God;
'for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this

'multitude. O Jehovah, thou art our God; let not man
12 'prevail against thee.' So Jehovah smote the Ethiopians
before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled.
13 And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them
unto Gerar. And the Ethiopians were overthrown, so that
they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed
before Jehovah, and before his host. And they carried
14 away very much spoil. And they smote all the cities round
about Gerar; for the terror of Jehovah came upon them.
And they spoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding
15 much spoil in them. They smote also the tents of cattle,
and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and re-
turned to Jerusalem.

1 And the spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of
2 Oded; and he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him,
'Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. Jehovah
'will be with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek
'him, he will be found by you; but if ye forsake him, he
3 'will forsake you. Now for a long season Israel was with-
'out the true God, and without a teaching priest, and
4 'without the Law. But when they in their trouble did
'turn unto Jehovah the God of Israel, and sought him, he
5 'was found by them. And in those times there was no
'peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but
'great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the
6 'countries. And nation was destroyed by nation, and city
7 'by city; for God did vex them with all adversity. Be
'ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak; for
8 'your work shall be rewarded.' And when Asa heard these
words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took
courage, and put away the abominations [or idols] out of
all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities
which he had taken from the hill country of Ephraim, and
he renewed the Altar of Jehovah, that was before the Porch
9 of Jehovah. And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin,
and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh,
and out of Simeon; for they revolted to him out of Israel
in abundance, when they saw that Jehovah his God was
with him.

10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in
the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa
11 [B.C. 937]. And they sacrificed unto Jehovah at the same

time, out of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. And they entered 12
into a covenant to seek Jehovah the God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; and that who- 13
soever would not seek Jehovah the God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. And they sware unto Jehovah with a loud voice, 14
and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. And all Judah rejoiced at the oath; for they had sworn 15
with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire. And Jehovah was found by them, and gave them rest round about.

And Maachah his mother, Asa the king removed from 16
being queen, because she had made an idol unto Ashera; and Asa cut down her idol, and beat it to pieces, and burnt it in the valley of the Kidron. But the High Places [or 17
altars] were not taken away out of Israel. Nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days. And he brought 18
into the House of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels. And there was no more war until the five and 19
thirtieth year of [Rehoboam, B.C. 937, in] the reign of Asa.

In the six and thirtieth year of [Rehoboam, B.C. 936, in] 1
the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. Then Asa 2
brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the House of Jehovah and of the king's house, and sent to Benhadad king of Syria, who dwelt at Damascus, saying, 'Let there be 3
'a league between me and thee, as there was between my 'father and thy father. Behold, I have sent unto thee silver 'and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, 'that he may depart from me.' And Ben-hadad hearkened 4
unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel at the Waters [of Merom], and all the store cities of Naphtali. And it came to pass, when Baasha heard it, that 5
he left off building Ramah, and let his work cease. Then 6
Asa the king brought all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

7 And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, 'Because thou hast relied on the 'king of Syria, and not relied on Jehovah thy God, there- 'fore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine
8 'hand. Were not the Ethiopians and the Libyans a huge 'host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because 'thou didst rely on Jehovah, he delivered them into thine
9 'hand. For the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro throughout 'the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of 'them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou 'hast done foolishly. Therefore from henceforth thou shalt
10 'have wars.' Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people at the same time.

11 And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are
12 written in the Book of the kings of Judah and Israel. And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign [B.C. 913] was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great. Yet in his disease he sought not to Jehovah, but to the
13 physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in
14 the one and fortieth year of his reign [B.C. 911]. And they buried him in his own sepulchre, which he had digged for himself in the city of David, and laid him in a bed which was filled with sweet spices and divers kinds of compounds made by the apothecaries' art. And they made a very great burning for him.

17 1 And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and
2 strengthened himself against Israel. And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, that Asa his
3 father had taken. And Jehovah was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and
4 sought not unto Baal; but sought unto the God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the
5 doings of Israel. Therefore Jehovah established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance.
6 And he lifted up his heart in the ways of Jehovah. Moreover he took away the High Places and groves of Ashera out of Judah.

7 Also in the third year of his reign [B.C. 909] he sent to

his princes, even to Ben-hail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah. And with them he sent Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, the Levites; and with them Eli-shama and Jehoram, the priests. And they taught in Judah, and had the Book of the Law of Jehovah with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

And the terror of Jehovah fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat. Also some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and tribute silver; and the Arabians [or Edomites] brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats.

And it came to pass that Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store. And he had much business in the cities of Judah, and men of war, warriors of valour, in Jerusalem. And these are the registers of them according to the house of their fathers; of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the captain, and with him warriors of valour three hundred thousand. And next to him was Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand. And next him was Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto Jehovah; and with him two hundred thousand warriors of valour. And of Benjamin, Eliada a warrior of valour, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand. And next him was Jehozabad, and with him a hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war. These waited on the king, beside those whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined himself by marriage with Ahab. And after some years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that he had with him, and urged him to go up with him to Ramoth in Gilead. And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, 'Wilt thou go with me to 'Ramoth in Gilead?' And he answered him, 'I am as 'thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be

4 'with thee in the war.' And Jehoshaphat said unto the
king of Israel, 'Inquire, I pray thee, at the word of Jeho-
'vah to-day.'
5 Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of the
prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, 'Shall
'we go to Ramoth in Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?'
And they said, 'Go up; for God will deliver it into the
6 'king's hand.' But Jehoshaphat said, 'Is there not here
'a prophet of Jehovah besides, that we might inquire of
7 'him?' And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat,
'There is yet one man, by whom we may inquire of Jeho-
'vah. But I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto
'me, but always evil. The same is Micaiah the son of
'Imla.' And Jehoshaphat said, 'Let not the king say so.'
8 And the king of Israel called for one of his chamberlains,
and said, 'Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imla.'
9 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah
sat each on his throne, clothed in their robes, and they sat
on a raised floor at the entering in of the gate of Samaria.
10 And all the prophets prophesied before them. And Zede-
kiah the son of Chenaanah had made for himself horns of
iron, and said, 'Thus saith Jehovah, With these thou shalt
11 'gore the Syrians until thou have consumed them.' And
all the prophets prophesied so, saying, 'Go up to Ramoth
'in Gilead, and prosper; for Jehovah will deliver it into
'the hand of the king.'
12 And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to
him, saying, 'Behold, the words of the prophets declare
'good to the king with one voice; let thy word therefore,
'I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good.'
13 And Micaiah said, 'As Jehovah liveth, even what my God
'saith, that will I speak.'
14 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto
him, 'Micah, shall we go to Ramoth in Gilead to battle,
'or shall I forbear?' And he said, 'Go ye up, and prosper,
15 'and they will be delivered into your hand.' And the
king said to him, 'How many times shall I adjure thee
'that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of
16 'Jehovah?' Then he said, 'I saw all Israel scattered upon
'the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And
'Jehovah said, These have no master; let them return there-
17 'fore every man to his house in peace.' And the king of

Israel said to Jehoshaphat, 'Did I not tell thee that he
'would not prophesy good unto me, but evil?' Again 18
[Micaiah] said, 'Therefore hear the word of Jehovah. I saw
'Jehovah sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven
'standing on his right hand and on his left. And Jehovah 19
'said, Who will entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go
'up and fall at Ramoth in Gilead? And one spake saying
'after this manner, and another saying after that manner.
'Then there came out a Spirit, and he stood before Jeho- 20
'vah, and said, I will entice him. And Jehovah said unto
'him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go out, and be a 21
'lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And [Jeho-
'vah] said, Thou shalt entice him, and thou shalt also pre-
'vail; go out, and do even so. Now therefore, behold, 22
'Jehovah hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these
'thy prophets; and Jehovah hath spoken evil against thee.'
Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote 23
Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, 'By which way passed
'the spirit of Jehovah from me to speak unto thee?' And 24
Micaiah said, 'Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou
'shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.' Then 25
the king of Israel said, 'Take ye Micaiah, and carry him
'back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the
'king's son; and say, Thus saith the king, Put this man 26
'in the prison, and feed him with the bread of affliction, and
'with the water of affliction, until I return in safety.' And 27
Micaiah said, 'If thou in any wise return in safety, then
'hath not Jehovah spoken by me.' And he said, 'Hearken,
'all ye people.'

So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah 28
went up to Ramoth in Gilead. And the king of Israel said 29
unto Jehoshaphat, 'I will disguise myself, and will go to
'the battle; but put thou on thy robes.' So the king of
Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle. Now 30
the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the
chariots that were with him, saying, 'Fight ye not with
'small or great, save only with the king of Israel.' And 31
it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jeho-
shaphat, that they said, 'It is the king of Israel.' There-
fore they encompassed about him to fight. But Jehosha-
phat cried out, and Jehovah helped him; and God moved
them to depart from him. For it came to pass, that, when 32

the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing him.
33 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints [of the armour] and the breastplate; therefore he said to the driver of his chariot, 'Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the
34 'host; for I am wounded.' And the battle increased that day. Howbeit the king of Israel propped himself up in his chariot against the Syrians until the evening; and about the time of the sun going down he died.

1 And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his
2 house in safety to Jerusalem. And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, 'Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate 'Jehovah? Therefore is wrath upon thee from before Jeho-
3 'vah. Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, 'in that thou hast burned the groves of Ashera out of the
4 'land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.' And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem.

And he returned and went out through the people, from Beer-sheba to the hill country of Ephraim, and brought
5 them back unto Jehovah the God of their fathers. And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of
6 Judah, city by city, and said to the judges, 'Take heed what 'ye do; for ye judge not for man, but for Jehovah, who is
7 'with you in the judgment. Wherefore now let the terror 'of Jehovah be upon you. Take heed and do it; for there 'is no iniquity with Jehovah our God, nor respect of per-'sons, nor taking of bribes.'

8 Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set some of the Levites, and of the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, to declare the judgment of Jehovah, and for con-
9 troversies, when they were brought back to Jerusalem. And he charged them, saying, 'Thus shall ye do in the fear of
10 'Jehovah, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. And what 'controversy soever shall come before you from your bre-'thren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, 'between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, 'ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against 'Jehovah, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your
11 'brethren. This do, and ye shall not be guilty. And, be-'hold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters

'of Jehovah; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler
'of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters. And
'the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously,
'and Jehovah will be with the good.'

It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, 1
and the children of Ammon, and with them some of the
Ammonites [or Maonites], came against Jehoshaphat to
battle. Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, say- 2
ing, 'There cometh a great rabble against thee from beyond
'the [Dead] sea on this side of Syria; and, behold, they are
'in Hazazon of the Palm-trees, which is Ain-gedi.' And 3
Jehoshaphat feared, and set his face to seek Jehovah. And
he proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. And Judah 4
gathered themselves together, to seek Jehovah; even out
of all the cities of Judah they came to seek Jehovah. And 5
Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusa-
lem, in the House of Jehovah, before the New Court, and 6
said, 'O Jehovah, God of our fathers, art not thou God in
'heaven? And rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of
'the Nations? And in thine hand is there not power and
'might, so that none is able to withstand thee? Art not 7
'thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this
'land from before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the
'seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? And they dwelt 8
'therein, and have built for thee a Sanctuary therein for
'thy Name, saying, If, when evil cometh upon us, as the 9
'sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before
'this House, and in thy presence, (for thy Name is in this
'House,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt
'hear and wilt help.—And now, behold, the children of 10
'Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest
'not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of
'Lower Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed
'them not; behold, how they reward us, by coming to cast 11
'us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to
'possess. O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have 12
'no might against this great rabble that cometh against us.
'Neither know we what to do. But our eyes are upon thee.'
And all Judah stood before Jehovah, with their little ones, 13
their wives, and their sons.

Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of 14
Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of

the sons of Asaph, came the spirit of Jehovah in the midst
15 of the assembly; and he said, 'Hearken ye, all Judah, and
'ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat;
'Thus saith Jehovah unto you, Be not afraid nor cast down
'by reason of this great rabble; for the battle is not yours,
16 'but God's. To-morrow go ye down against them. Be-
'hold, they come up by the hill-road of Ziz; and ye shall
'find them at the end of the valley, before the desert of
17 'Jeruel. Ye shall not need to fight in this battle. Set
'yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of Jehovah
'with you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Fear not, nor be cast
'down; to-morrow go out against them; for Jehovah is
18 'with you.' And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his
face to the ground. And all Judah and the inhabitants of
19 Jerusalem fell before Jehovah, worshipping Jehovah. And
the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the
children of the Korahites, rose up to praise Jehovah the
God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

20 And they arose early in the morning, and went forth
into the desert of Tekoa. And as they went forth, Jeho-
shaphat stood and said, 'Hear me, O Judah, and ye inha-
'bitants of Jerusalem; Believe in Jehovah your God, so
'shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye
21 'prosper.' And when he had consulted with the people,
he appointed singers unto Jehovah, and those who should
praise in robes of holiness, as they went out before the
army, and should say, '*Give ye thanks unto Jehovah; for his*
22 '*kindness endureth for ever.*' And when they began to sing
and to praise, Jehovah set liers in wait against the children
of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, who were come against
23 Judah; and they were smitten. For the children of Ammon
and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir,
utterly to slay and destroy them. And when they had made
an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they every one helped
24 to destroy the other. And when Judah came toward the
Watch Tower in the desert, they looked unto the rabble,
and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and
none had escaped.

25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take
away the spoil of them, they found among them in abun-
dance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels,
which they stripped off for themselves, more than they

could carry away. And they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much. And on the fourth day they 26
assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed Jehovah. Therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah [or Blessing], unto this day.

Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, 27
and Jehoshaphat at the head of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for Jehovah had made them to rejoice over their enemies. And they came to Jerusalem with psal- 28
teries and harps and trumpets unto the House of Jehovah. And the terror of God was on all the kingdoms of those 29
countries, when they had heard that Jehovah fought against the enemies of Israel. So the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was 30
quiet; for his God gave him rest round about.

And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah. He was thirty 31
and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. And he walked 32
in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing what was right in the sight of Jehovah. Howbeit the 33
High Places were not taken away; for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, the first and the 34
last, behold, they are written in the Book of Jehu the son of Hanani, who is mentioned in the Book of the Kings of Israel [1 Kings xvi. 1].

And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join him- 35
self with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly. And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to 36
Tarshish; and they made the ships in Ezion-geber. Then 37
Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Moreshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, 'Because thou hast joined thyself with 'Ahaziah, Jehovah hath broken thy works.' And the ships were broken, so that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

Now Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried 1
with his fathers in the city of David [B.C. 887]. And JEHORAM his son reigned in his stead. And he had bre- 2
thren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah. All these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Judah. And 3
their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and

of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah; but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram, because he was the firstborn.
4 And when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and some also of the princes of Israel.
5 Jehoram was thirty and two years old when he began to
6 reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab; for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife;
7 and he did what was evil in the eyes of Jehovah. Howbeit Jehovah would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he had promised to give a lamp to him and to his sons for ever.
8 In his days the Edomites revolted from under the hand
9 of Judah, and made for themselves a king. Then Jehoram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him. And he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites who en-
10 compassed him, and the captains of the chariots. But the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. At the same time also did Libnah revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken Jehovah the God of his
11 fathers, and had moreover made High Places in the hill countries of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go astray, and compelled Judah thereto.
12 And there was brought a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, 'Thus saith Jehovah the God of David thy 'father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jeho-'shaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah,
13 'but hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and 'hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go 'astray, like to the going astray of the house of Ahab, and 'also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, who
14 'were better than thyself; behold, with a great plague will 'Jehovah smite thy people, and thy sons, and thy wives,
15 'and all thy goods. And thou wilt have great sickness by 'disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason 'of the sickness day by day.'
16 Moreover Jehovah stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that were under the
17 sway of the Ethiopians. And they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his

wives; so that there was never a son left him, save Jehoahaz [or Ahaziah], the youngest of his sons. And after all 18
this Jehovah smote him in his bowels with a disease that
could not be cured. And it came to pass, that day by day, 19
by the end of two years, his bowels had fallen out by reason
of his sickness, and he died of sore diseases. And his people
made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.
Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, 20
and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed
without being desired. Howbeit they buried him in the
city of David, but not in the burial places of the kings.

And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made AHAZIAH his 1
youngest son king in his stead [in B.C. 883]; for the band
of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain
all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of
Judah reigned. Forty and two years old was Ahaziah 2
when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Athaliah the daughter
of Omri. He also walked in the ways of the house of 3
Ahab; for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.
Wherefore he did evil in the sight of Jehovah like the 4
house of Ahab; for after the death of his father they were
his counsellors to his destruction. He walked also after 5
their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king
of Israel to fight against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth in
Gilead. And the Syrians smote Jehoram. And he returned 6
to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds wherewith
they wounded him at Ramoth, when he fought with Hazael
king of Syria. And Azariah [or Ahaziah] the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of
Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick. And the downfall 7
of Ahaziah was from God, by coming to Jehoram. For when
he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the
son of Nimshi, whom Jehovah had anointed to cut off the
house of Ahab. And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was 8
executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, then he found
the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that ministered to Ahaziah, and he slew them. And 9
he sought for Ahaziah. And they caught him, (for he had
hidden himself in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu, and
slew him. But they gave him burial; 'Because,' said they,
'he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought Jehovah with

'all his heart.' So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep the kingdom.

10 But when ATHALIAH the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of
11 the house of Judah. But Jehoshabath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bed chamber. So Jehoshabath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the Priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she
12 slew him not. And he was with them hidden in the House of God for six years. And Athaliah reigned over the land [B.C. 883].

1 And in the seventh year [B.C. 877] Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.
2 And they went round about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the
3 fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. And all the assembly made a covenant on behalf of the king in the House of God. And he said unto them, 'Behold, the 'king's son shall reign, as Jehovah hath said of the sons of
4 'David. This is the thing that ye shall do. A third part 'of you, both of the priests and of the Levites, shall come in 'on the sabbath, to be door-keepers of the gates; and a third
5 'part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the 'Foundation Gate; and all the people shall be in the courts
6 'of the House of Jehovah. But let none come into the 'House of Jehovah, save the priests, and they of the Levites 'that minister. They shall go in, for they are holy; but
7 'all the people shall keep the watch of Jehovah. And the 'Levites shall encompass the king round about, every man 'with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever else cometh 'into the House, he shall be put to death. But be ye with
8 'the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.' So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the Priest had commanded; and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, together with them that were to go out on the sabbath; for Jehoiada
9 the Priest dismissed not the courses. Moreover Jehoiada

the Priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and shields, and bucklers, that had been king David's, which were in the House of God. And he set all the people, every man having his sword in his hand, from the right side of the House to the left side of the House, along by the altar and by the House, round about the king. Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and gave him the testimonials, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, 'May the king live.'

Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people to the House of Jehovah. And she looked, and, behold, the king stood upon his pillar at the entrance, and the princes and the trumpets by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with the trumpets, also the singers with instruments of music, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, 'Treason, Treason.' Then Jehoiada the Priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the army, and said unto them, 'Lead her forth within the ranks; and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword.' For the Priest said, 'Slay her not in the House of Jehovah.' So they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entrance of the Horse Gate of the king's house, they slew her there.

And Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, and all the people, and the king, that they should be Jehovah's people. Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the House of Jehovah by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the House of Jehovah, to offer the burnt offerings of Jehovah, as written in the Law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as by command of David. And he set the door-keepers at the gates of the House of Jehovah, that none that was unclean in anything should enter in. And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the House of Jehovah. And they came through the Upper Gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the

21 kingdom. And all the people of the land rejoiced. And the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

1 JOASH was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name
2 also was Zibiah of Beer-sheba. And Joash did what was right in the sight of Jehovah all the days of Jehoiada the
3 Priest. And Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.

4 And it came to pass after this, that Joash was minded
5 to repair the House of Jehovah. And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, 'Go out unto 'the cities of Judah, and gather from all Israel money to 'repair the House of your God from year to year, and see 'that ye hasten the matter.' Howbeit the Levites hastened it not.

6 And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, 'Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring 'in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the tribute ordered 'by Moses the servant of Jehovah, and by the assembly of
7 'Israel, for the Tent of the Testimonials?' For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the House of God; and also all the holy things of the House of Jeho-
8 vah had they bestowed upon Baal. And at the king's command they made a chest, and set it outside at the gate of
9 the House of Jehovah. And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to Jehovah the tribute that Moses the servant of God had laid upon Israel
10 in the desert. And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end.

11 Now it came to pass, that at the time that the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to its place again. Thus they did day by day, and they gathered money in abun-
12 dance. And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the House of Jehovah; and they hired masons and carpenters to repair the House of Jehovah, and also such as wrought iron and copper to strengthen
13 the House of Jehovah. So the workmen wrought the work;

and the mending went on upon the work by their hands; and they set the House of God in its first state, and made it strong. And when they had finished it, they brought 14
the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada; and of it were made vessels for the House of Jehovah, even vessels to minister, and to offer with, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the House of Jehovah continually all the days of Jehoiada.

But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he 15
died; a hundred and thirty years old was he when he died. And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, 16
because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his House.

Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of 17
Judah, and bowed down before the king. Then the king hearkened unto them. And they left the House of Jeho- 18
vah the God of their fathers, and served images of Ashera and idols; and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their guilt. Yet He sent prophets to them, to bring 19
them again unto Jehovah. And they testified against them. But they would not give ear. And the spirit of God came 20
over Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the Priest. And he stood above the people, and said unto them, 'Thus saith 'God, Why transgress ye the commandments of Jehovah? 'And ye cannot prosper, because ye have forsaken Jeho- 'vah, and he will forsake you.' And they conspired against 21
him, and stoned him with stones at the command of the king in the court of the House of Jehovah. Thus Joash 22
the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada the father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, 'Jehovah will look upon it, and will require 'it.'

And it came to pass at the return of the year, that the 23
host of Syria came up against him. And they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus. For the army of the 24
Syrians came with a small company of men, and Jehovah delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken Jehovah the God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash.

25 And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the Priest, and they slew him on his bed, and he died. And they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the burial places
26 of the kings. And these are they that conspired against him; Zabad the son of Shimeath an Ammonite woman, and
27 Jehozabad the son of Shimrith a Moabite woman. Now concerning his sons, and the greatness of the tribute laid upon him, and the foundation of the House of God, behold, they are written in the Commentary of the Book of the Kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead [B.C. 838].

1 AMAZIAH was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.
2 And he did what was right in the sight of Jehovah, but not with a perfect heart.
3 And it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king
4 his father. But he slew not their children, but did as it is written in the Law in the Book of Moses [Deut. xxiv. 16], where Jehovah commanded, saying, *The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.*
5 Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of their fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin. And he registered them from twenty years old and above, and he found them to be three hundred thousand choice men, able to go forth to war, that
6 could handle spear and shield. He hired also a hundred thousand warriors of valour out of Israel for a hundred
7 Kikars [or hundred weights] of silver. But there came a man of God to him, saying, 'O king, let not the army of 'Israel go with thee; for Jehovah is not with Israel, or any
8 'of the children of Ephraim. But if thou wilt go, do it, be 'strong for the battle. Yet God will make thee fall before 'the enemy; for God hath power to help, and to cast down.'
9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, 'But what shall we 'do for the hundred Kikars which I have given for the 'army of Israel?' And the man of God answered, 'Jehovah

'is able to give thee much more than this.' Then Amaziah 10
separated them, to wit, the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, for it to go home again. Wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his 11
people, and went to the Valley of Salt, and he smote of the children of Seir ten thousand. And ten thousand did the 12
children of Judah take captive alive. And they brought them unto the top of Selah [or Petra], and cast them down from the top of the rock [or Selah], so that they all were broken in pieces.

But the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, 13
that they should not go with him to battle, spread themselves over the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from 14
the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed himself down before them, and burned incense unto them. Wherefore the anger of Jehovah was kindled against 15
Amaziah; and he sent unto him a prophet, who said unto him, 'Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, 'who were not able to deliver their own people out of thine 'hand?' And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that 16
[the king] said unto him, 'Art thou made counsellor of the 'king? Forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten?' Then the prophet forbore, and said, 'I know that God hath coun-'selled to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and 'hast not hearkened unto my counsel.'

Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to 17
Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, 'Come, let us look one another in the face.' And 18
Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, 'The bramble that was on Lebanon sent to the cedar 'that was on Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son 'to wife. And there passed by a wild beast that was on 'Lebanon, and it trod down the bramble. Thou sayest, Lo, 'thou hast smitten the Edomites; and thine heart lifteth 'thee up to boast. Abide now at home; why shouldest 'thou rush into trouble, so that thou shouldest fall, even

20 'thou, and Judah with thee?' But Amaziah would not hear.
For it came of God, that He might deliver them into his
21 hand, because they had sought after the gods of Edom. So
Joash the king of Israel went up; and they looked one
another in the face, both he and Amaziah king of Judah, at
22 Beth-shemesh, which belongeth to Judah. And Judah was
smitten before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent.
23 And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah,
the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth-shemesh,
and brought him to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of
Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate,
24 four hundred cubits. And he took all the gold and the
silver, and all the vessels that were found in the House of
God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house,
the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

25 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after
the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen
26 years. Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, the first and
the last, behold, are they not written in the Book of the
27 Kings of Judah and Israel? Now after the time that Ama-
ziah did turn away from following Jehovah, they made a
conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lach-
ish. But they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him
28 there. And they brought him upon horses, and buried
1 him with his fathers in the city of Judah. And all the
people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old,
and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah [in
2 B.C. 809]. He had built Eloth, and restored it to Judah.
After that the king slept with his fathers.

3 Sixteen years old was UZZIAH (or Azariah] when he began
to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem.
4 His mother's name also was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. And
he did what was right in the sight of Jehovah, according to
5 all that his father Amaziah did. And he sought God in
the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions
of God. And as long as he sought Jehovah, God made
6 him to prosper. And he went forth and warred against
the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the
wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod. And he built
7 cities about Ashdod, and among the Philistines. And God
helped him against the Philistines, and against the Ara-
8 bians that dwelt in Gur-baal, and the Maonites. And the

Ammonites [or Maonites] gave gifts to Uzziah. And his name spread abroad even to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened himself exceedingly.

Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, and at the Valley Gate, and at the Turning [of the wall], and he fortified them. Also he built towers in the desert, and digged many wells; for he had much cattle, both in the Low Country, and on the Table-land; plowmen also, and vine-dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel; for he loved husbandry.

Moreover Uzziah had a host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their register by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains. The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the warriors of valour were two thousand and six hundred. And under their hand was a great army of three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and coats of mail, and bows, and slings for stones. And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the corner-turrets, to shoot arrows and great stones with. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.

But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction; for he transgressed against Jehovah his God, and went into the Great Hall [of the temple] of Jehovah to burn incense upon the altar of incense. And Azariah the Priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of Jehovah, that were valiant men. And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, 'It is not for thee, 'Uzziah, to burn incense unto Jehovah, but for the priests 'the sons of Aaron, that are made holy to burn incense. 'Go thou out of the Sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; 'neither shall it be for thine honour from Jehovah God.' Then Uzziah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense; and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the House of Jehovah, from beside the altar of incense. And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked

upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead; and they hurried him out from thence. Yea, himself hastened
21 also to go out, because Jehovah had smitten him. And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death. And he dwelt in a separate house, being a leper. For he was cut off from the House of Jehovah; and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, the first and the last,
23 did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write. So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial-place which belonged to the kings; for they said, 'He is a leper.' And Jotham his son reigned in his stead [in B.C. 757].

1 JOTHAM was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.
2 And he did what was right in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that his father Uzziah did. Howbeit he entered not into the Great Hall [of the temple] of Jehovah. But the people did yet corruptly.

3 He built the Upper Gate of the House of Jehovah; and
4 on the wall of Ophel [the suburb] he built much. Moreover he built cities in the hill country of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers.

5 He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year a hundred Kikars [or hundred weights] of silver, and ten thousand Cors [of nine bushels each] of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year, and
6 again the third. So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before Jehovah his God.

7 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they are written in the Book of the Kings of
8 Israel and Judah. He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusa-
9 lem. And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David; and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead [B.C. 742].

1 AHAZ was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. But he did not do

what was right in the sight of Jehovah, like David his father. For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, 2
and made also molten images for Baal. Moreover he burnt 3
incense in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the nations whom Jehovah had cast out before the children of Israel. He sacrificed also and burnt incense on the High Places, 4
and on the hills, and under every green tree. Wherefore 5
Jehovah his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria. And they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought them to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter. For Pekah 6
the son of Remaliah slew in Judah a hundred and twenty thousand in one day, who were all sons of valour; because they had forsaken Jehovah the God of their fathers. And 7
Zichri, a warrior of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the House, and Elkanah that was next to the king. And the children of Israel carried 8
away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.

But a prophet of Jehovah was there, whose name was 9
Oded. And he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, 'Behold, because Jehovah the 'God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath de-'livered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in 'a rage that reacheth up unto heaven. And now ye pur- 10
'pose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem 'for bondmen and bondwomen unto you. But are there 'not with you, even with you, sins against Jehovah your 'God? Now hear me therefore, and send back the cap- 11
'tives, which ye have taken captive of your brethren; for 'the fierce wrath of Jehovah is upon you.' Then certain 12
of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the war, and said 13
unto them, 'Ye shall not bring in the captives hither. For 'whereas guilt against Jehovah is already upon us, ye intend 'to add more to our sins and to our guilt. For our guilt 'is great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.' So the 14

armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes
15 and all the assembly. And the men who are above expressed by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them. They even clothed them, and put shoes upon them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brethren. Then they returned to Samaria.

16 At that time did king Ahaz send unto the kings of
17 Assyria to help him. For again the Edomites had come
18 and smitten Judah, and carried away captives. The Philistines also had spread themselves over the cities of the Low Country, and of the South Country of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh, and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and Shocho with the suburbs thereof, and Timnah with the suburbs thereof, Gimzo also and the suburbs thereof. And they
19 dwelt there. For Jehovah brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel. For he made Judah naked, and he
20 transgressed sore against Jehovah. And Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but
21 strengthened him not. For Ahaz took away a portion out of the House of Jehovah, and out of the house of the king, and from the princes, and gave it unto the king of Assyria. But he helped him not.

22 And in the time of his distress this king Ahaz did tres-
23 pass yet more against Jehovah. For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, who smote him. And he said, 'Because 'the gods of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I 'sacrifice to them, that they may help me.' But they were
24 the ruin of him, and of all Israel. And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the House of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the House of God, and shut up the doors of the House of Jehovah, and he made for himself altars in
25 every corner of Jerusalem. And in every city of Judah he made High Places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger Jehovah the God of his fathers.

26 Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, the first and the last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings
27 of Judah and Israel. And Ahaz slept with his fathers. And they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem. But

they brought him not into the burial-place of the kings of Israel. And Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead [B. C. 727].

HEZEKIAH began to reign when he was five and twenty 1
years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. And he did what was right in the sight of 2
Jehovah, according to all that David his father had done. He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened 3
the doors of the House of Jehovah, and repaired them. And he brought the priests and the Levites, and gathered 4
them together into the Eastern Broad Place. And he said 5
unto them, 'Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, 'and sanctify the House of Jehovah the God of your fathers, 'and carry forth the filthiness [or idols] out of the Holy 'Place. For our fathers have trespassed, and done what 6
'was evil in the eyes of Jehovah our God, and have for-'saken him, and have turned away their faces from the 'Tabernacle of Jehovah, and turned their backs. Also they 7
'have shut up the doors of the Porch, and put out the lamps, 'and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings 'in the Holy Place unto the God of Israel. Wherefore the 8
'wrath of Jehovah was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he 'hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to 'hissing, as ye see with your eyes. For, lo, our fathers have 9
'fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and 'our wives are in captivity for this. Now it is in mine 10
'heart to make a covenant with Jehovah the God of Israel, 'that his fierce wrath may turn away from us. My sons, 11
'be not now negligent; for Jehovah hath chosen you to 'stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister 'unto him, and burn incense.'

Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and 12
Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites;—and of the sons of Merari; Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehaleleel;—and of the Gershonites; Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah;—and of the 13
sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel;—and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah;—and of the sons of 14
Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei;—and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel. And they gathered their brethren, 15
and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the com-

mand of the king, in the words of Jehovah, to cleanse the
16 House of Jehovah. And the priests went into the Inner
Room of the House of Jehovah, to cleanse it. And they
brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the Great
Hall [of the temple] of Jehovah into the court of the House
of Jehovah. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad
17 into the valley of the Kidron. Now they began on the first
day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day
of the month came they to the porch of Jehovah; so they
sanctified the House of Jehovah in eight days; and on the
sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.
18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, 'We
'have cleansed all the House of Jehovah, and the Altar of
'burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the cere-
19 'monial table, with all the vessels thereof. Moreover all
'the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did defile in his
'transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold,
'they are before the Altar of Jehovah.'
20 Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the
rulers of the city, and went up to the House of Jehovah.
21 And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and
seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the
kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he
commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on
22 the Altar of Jehovah. So they killed the bullocks, and
the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the Altar.
Likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled
the blood upon the Altar; they killed also the lambs, and
23 they sprinkled the blood upon the Altar. And they brought
forward the he goats for the sin offering before the king
and the assembly; and they laid their hands upon them.
24 And the priests killed them, and with their blood they
cleansed the Altar from sin, to make an atonement for all
Israel. For the king had commanded that the burnt offer-
25 ing and the sin offering should be for all Israel. And he
set the Levites in the House of Jehovah with cymbals, with
psalteries, and with harps, according to the command of
David, and of Gad the king's seer, and of Nathan the pro-
phet; for from the hand of Jehovah came the command by
26 the hand of his prophets. And the Levites stood with the
instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.
27 And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon

the Altar. And when the burnt offering began, then began the song of Jehovah with the trumpets, and with the instruments of David king of Israel. And all the assembly wor- 28
shipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; and all this continued until the burnt offering was finished. And when they had made an end of offering, the king and 29
all that were present with him bowed themselves and worshipped.

Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded 30
the Levites to sing praise unto Jehovah with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped. Then Hezekiah answered and said, 'Now ye have filled 31
'your hands [with offerings] unto Jehovah, come near and 'bring the sacrifices and thank offerings into the House of 'Jehovah.' And the assembly brought in the sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a willing heart, brought burnt offerings. And the number of the 32
burnt offerings, which the assembly brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, a hundred rams, and two hundred lambs. All these were for a burnt offering to Jehovah. And the holy animals were six hundred oxen and three 33
thousand sheep. But the priests were too few, so that they 34
could not take the skin off all the burnt offerings. Therefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the priests had sanctified themselves. For the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests. And also the burnt offerings were 35
in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and with drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the House of Jehovah was set in order. And Hezekiah 36
rejoiced, and all the people, that God had made preparation for the people. For the thing was done suddenly.

And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote 1
public letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the House of Jehovah at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto Jehovah the God of Israel. For the king 2
had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the assembly in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month. For 3
they could not keep it at the fit time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. And 4

the thing was right in the eyes of the king and all the
5 assembly. So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto Jehovah the God of Israel at Jerusalem; for they had not done it
6 for a long time according as it was written. So the runners went with the public letters under the hand of the king and of his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the command of the king, saying, 'Ye chil-'dren of Israel, turn again unto Jehovah the God of Abra-'ham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant 'of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of
7 'Assyria. And be not ye like your fathers, and like your 'brethren, who trespassed against Jehovah the God of their 'fathers, who therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye
8 'see. Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but 'hold out your hands unto Jehovah, and enter into his 'Sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever; and serve 'Jehovah your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn
9 'away from you. For if ye turn again unto Jehovah, your 'brethren and your children will find compassion before 'them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again 'into this land. For Jehovah your God is gracious and 'merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if
10 'ye return unto him.' So the runners passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun. But they laughed them to scorn, and
11 mocked them. Nevertheless some men of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to
12 Jerusalem. Whereas in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the command of the king and of the princes, by the word of Jehovah.

13 And there were gathered together at Jerusalem much people to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second
14 month, a very great assembly. And they arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the valley
15 of the Kidron. Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the second month. And the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings into the House of Jehovah.
16 And they stood in their place after their manner, according

to the Law of Moses the man of God. The priests sprinkled the blood, which they received from the hand of the Levites.
For there were many in the assembly that were not sanc- 17
tified; therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passover animals for every one that was not clean, to sanctify them unto Jehovah. For out of the multitude of 18
the people, many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, 'May the good Jehovah pardon
'every one that prepareth his heart to seek God, Jehovah 19
'the God of his fathers, though he be not according to the 'purification of the Holy Place.' And Jehovah hearkened 20
to Hezekiah, and healed the people. And the children of 21
Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days with great gladness; and the Levites and the priests praised Jehovah day by day, with loud instruments unto Jehovah. And Hezekiah spake to 22
the heart of all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of Jehovah. And they did eat throughout the solemn feast for seven days, sacrificing peace offerings, and making confession to Jehovah the God of their fathers. And the 23
whole assembly took counsel to keep seven other days. And they kept the seven days with gladness. For Heze- 24
kiah king of Judah brought up for the assembly a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes brought up for the assembly a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep. And a great number of priests sanctified themselves.
And all the assembly of Judah, with the priests and the 25
Levites, and all the assembly that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and they that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced. So there was great joy in 26
Jerusalem; for since the days of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem. Then 27
the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people. And their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to His holy dwelling-place, even unto heaven.

Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were pre- 1
sent went out unto the cities of Judah, and brake the images in pieces, and cut down the groves of Ashera, and threw down the High Places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had

utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.
2 And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise
3 in the gates of the camp [or courts] of Jehovah. He appointed also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, to wit, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the solemn feasts, as it is written in the
4 Law of Jehovah. Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, so that they might be encouraged in the Law of Jehovah.
5 And as soon as the command came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first of the corn, the grape juice, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abun-
6 dantly. And the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto Jehovah their God, and laid them by
7 heaps. In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month.
8 And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the
9 heaps, they blessed Jehovah, and his people Israel. Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites con-
10 cerning the heaps. And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, 'Since they began 'to bring the heave offerings into the House of Jehovah, we 'have had enough to eat, and have left plenty; for Jeho-'vah hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this 'great store.'
11 Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the
12 House of Jehovah. And they prepared them. And they brought in the heave offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully; and over them Cononiah the Levite
13 was ruler, and Shimei his brother was the next. And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, were overseers under the hand of Cononiah and

Shimei his brother, by the appointment of Hezekiah the king,
and Azariah the ruler of the House of God. And Kore the 14
son of Imnah the Levite, the door-keeper toward the east,
was over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the
heave offerings of Jehovah, and the most holy things. And 15
under him were Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and
Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the
priests, in the office of trust, to distribute unto their bre-
thren by courses, as well to the great as to the small;
beside those of the males who were registered by their 16
genealogy, from three years old and upward, even unto every
one that entereth into the House of Jehovah, his daily por-
tion for their service in their offices according to their
courses; both to the priests who were registered by their 17
genealogy by the house of their fathers, and to the Levites
from twenty years old and upward, in their offices by their
courses; and to those of all their little ones, their wives, 18
and their sons, and their daughters, who were registered by
their genealogy, through all the assembly; for in their office
of trust they sanctified themselves in holiness. Also unto 19
the Sons of Aaron, the priests, who were in the fields, the
pasture lands of their cities, in every several city, the men
that are above expressed by name, were to give portions,
even to all the males among the priests, and to all that
were registered by their genealogies among the Levites.

And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah; and he 20
did what was good and right and truthful before Jehovah
his God. And in every work that he began in the service 21
of the House of God, and in the Law, and in the Com-
mandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart,
and he prospered.

After these things, and the establishment thereof, Senna- 1
cherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and
encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them
by storm for himself. And when Hezekiah saw that Senna- 2
cherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against
Jerusalem, he took counsel with his princes and his warriors 3
to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the
city. And they helped him. So there was gathered much 4
people together, who stopped all the wells [or tanks], and
the brook that overflowed through the midst of the land,
saying, 'Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find

5 'much water?' Also he strengthened himself, and built up
all the wall that was broken, and raised it up to the towers,
and another wall on the outside, and he repaired the Millo
[or Embankment] in the city of David, and made swords
6 and shields in abundance. And he set captains of war
over the people, and gathered them together to him in the
Broad Place of the [Ephraim] Gate of the city; and he
7 spake to their heart, saying, 'Be strong and courageous, be
'not afraid nor cast down for the king of Assyria, nor for
'all the rabble that is with him; for there are more with
8 'us than with him. With him is an arm of flesh; but
'with us is Jehovah our God to help us, and to fight our
'battles.' And the people rested themselves upon the words
of Hezekiah king of Judah.

9 After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his ser-
vants to Jerusalem, (but he himself was near Lachish, and all
his power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto
10 all Judah that were at Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus saith Senna-
'cherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide
11 'in the stronghold of Jerusalem? Doth not Hezekiah per-
'suade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by
'thirst, saying, Jehovah our God will deliver us out of the
12 'grasp of the king of Assyria? Hath not the same Heze-
'kiah taken away his High Places and his altars, and com-
'manded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship
13 'before only one altar, and burn incense upon it? Know
'ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the
'people of other lands? Were the gods of the nations of
'those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of
14 'mine hand? Who was there among all the gods of those
'nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could de-
'liver his people out of mine hand, that your God should
15 'be able to deliver you out of mine hand? Now therefore
'let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you in this
'manner, neither yet believe him. For no god of any
'nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of
'mine hand, or out of the hand of my fathers. How much
16 'less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?' And
his servants spake yet more against Jehovah God, and against
17 his servant Hezekiah. He wrote also letters to rail against
Jehovah the God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying,

'As the gods of the nations of other lands have not de-
'livered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the
'God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand.'
Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jewish language 18
unto the people of Jerusalem that were on the wall, to
affright them, and to trouble them; so that they might
take the city. And they spake against the God of Jerusa- 19
lem, as against the gods of the people of the land, which are
the work of the hands of man.

And for this cause Hezekiah the king, and the prophet 20
Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven. And 21
Jehovah sent an angel, who cut off all the warriors of
valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king
of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own
land. And when he was come into the house of his god,
they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with
the sword. Thus Jehovah saved Hezekiah and the inha- 22
bitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the
king of Assyria, and from the hand of all others, and guided
them on every side. And many brought gifts unto Jeho- 23
vah to Jerusalem, and precious things to Hezekiah king of
Judah. So that he was raised up in the eyes of all the
Nations from thenceforth.

In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death; and he 24
prayed unto Jehovah. And He spake unto him, and gave
him a wonderful sign. But Hezekiah rendered not again 25
according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was
lifted up. Therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon
Judah and Jerusalem. Then Hezekiah humbled himself 26
for the lifting up of his heart, both he and the inhabitants
of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of Jehovah came not upon
them in the days of Hezekiah.

And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour. 27
And he made for himself treasuries for silver, and for gold,
and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields,
and for all manner of pleasant jewels; storehouses also for 28
the increase of corn, and grape juice, and oil; and stalls for
all manner of cattle, and stalls for flocks. Moreover he 29
provided for himself cities, and possessions of flocks and
herds in abundance; for God had given him very great
riches. This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper water- 30

course of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

31 Howbeit in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to inquire of the wonderful sign that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

32 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his kindness, behold, they are written in the Vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, and in the Book of the Kings of Judah

33 and Israel. And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him on the hill-road of the burial-places of the sons of David. And all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honour at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his stead [in B.C. 698].

1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign,

2 and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem; but did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah, like unto the abominations of the nations, which Jehovah had cast out before

3 the children of Israel. For he built again the High Places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baal, and made groves of Ashera, and wor-

4 shipped all the host of the heavens, and served them. Also he built altars in the House of Jehovah, whereof Jehovah

5 had said, 'In Jerusalem shall my Name be for ever.' And he built altars for all the host of the heavens in the two

6 courts of the House of Jehovah. And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom. Also he observed clouds, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a speaking bottle [or ventriloquism], and with wizards. He did much evil in

7 the sight of Jehovah, to provoke him to anger. And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the House of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, 'In this House, and in Jerusalem, which 'I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my

8 'name for ever; neither will I any more remove the foot 'of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for 'your fathers; if only they will take heed to do all that I 'have commanded them, according to the whole Law and 'the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.'

9 So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem

to err and to do worse than the nations, which Jehovah had destroyed before the children of Israel.

And Jehovah spake to Manasseh, and to his people. 1
But they would not hearken. Wherefore Jehovah brought 1
upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh with grappling hooks, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. And when he 1
was in affliction, he besought Jehovah his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, and 1
prayed unto him. And He was entreated by him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that Jehovah he was God.

Now after this he built a wall on the outside of the city 1
of David, from the west side of the Gihon, in the valley, even unto the entering in at the Fish Gate; and he encompassed Ophel [the suburb], and raised it up to a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah. And he took away the strange gods, and the 1
idol out of the House of Jehovah, and all the altars that he had built on the mountain of the House of Jehovah, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city. And he 1
repaired the altar of Jehovah, and sacrificed thereon sacrifices of peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve Jehovah the God of Israel. Nevertheless 1
the people did sacrifice still in the High Places, yet unto Jehovah their God only.

Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer 1
unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of Jehovah the God of Israel, behold, they are written in the Acts of the Kings of Israel. His prayer also, 1
and how [God] was entreated by him, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built High Places, and set up groves of Ashera and graven images, before he was humbled; behold, they are written in the Sayings of the Seers. So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they 2
buried him in his own house; and Amon his son reigned in his stead [in B.C. 643].

Amon was two and twenty years old when he began to 2
reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. But he did 2
what was evil in the sight of Jehovah, as did Manasseh his father. For Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images

which Manasseh his father had made, and served them.
23 And he humbled not himself before Jehovah, as Manasseh
his father had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more
24 and more. And his servants conspired against him, and
25 slew him in his own house. But the people of the land
slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and
the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his
stead [in B.C. 641].

1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and
2 he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years. And he did
what was right in the sight of Jehovah, and walked in the
ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right
3 hand, nor to the left. For in the eighth year of his reign,
while he was yet a young man, he began to seek after the
God of David his father; and in the twelfth year he began
to cleanse Judah and Jerusalem from the High Places, and
the groves of Ashera, and the carved images, and the molten
4 images. And they brake down the altars of Baal in his
presence; and the Sun-images, that were on high above
them, he cut down; and the groves of Ashera, and the
carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces,
and made dust of them, and strewed it upon the face of the
5 graves of them that had sacrificed unto them. And he
burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed
6 Judah and Jerusalem. And so did he with their own mal-
lets in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon,
7 even unto Naphtali, round about. And when he had broken
down the altars and the groves of Ashera, and had beaten
the carved images into powder, and cut down all the Sun-
images throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to
Jerusalem.

8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign [B.C. 624], when
he had cleansed the land, and the House, he sent Shaphan
the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city,
and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the House
9 of Jehovah his God. And when they came to Hilkiah the
high priest, they delivered the money of the income of the
House of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had
gathered out of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of
all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin;
10 and they returned to Jerusalem. And they put it in the
hand of them that had the oversight of the work in the

House of Jehovah, and they gave it to the workmen that worked in the House of Jehovah, to repair and mend the House. And to the artificers and builders gave they it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for joists, and to roof the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed. And the men did the work faithfully. And the overseers of them were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set it forward; and of the Levites, all that had skill in instruments of music. Also some were over the bearers of burdens, and were overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service; and of the Levites some were scribes, and officers, and door-keepers.

And when they brought out the money of the income of the House of Jehovah, Hilkiah the priest found a Book of the Law of Jehovah given by the hand of Moses. And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, 'I have 'found a Book of the Law in the House of Jehovah.' And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan. And Shaphan carried the book to the king, when he brought the king word back again, saying, 'All that was committed to the 'hand of thy servants, they are doing it. And they have 'melted [or coined] the silver that was found in the House 'of Jehovah, and have delivered it into the hand of the 'overseers, and to the hand of the workmen.' Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, 'Hilkiah the Priest 'hath given me a book.' And Shaphan read it before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the Law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying, 'Go, inquire of Jeho- 'vah for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in 'Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found. 'For great is the wrath of Jehovah that is poured out 'upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of 'Jehovah, to do after all that is written in this book.'

And Hilkiah, and they whom the king had appointed, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the Second [or Lower city];) and they spake to her to that effect. And she

answered them, 'Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel,
21 'Tell ye the man that sent you to me, thus saith Jehovah,
'Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the
'inhabitants thereof, even all these curses that are written
'in the book [Deut. xxix. 25] which they have read before
25 'the king of Judah; *Because they have forsaken me, and have*
'burned incense unto other gods, so that they might provoke
'me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my
'wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be
26 *'quenched.* And as for the king of Judah, who sent you
'to inquire of Jehovah, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith
'Jehovah the God of Israel, as touching the words which
27 'thou hast heard; Because thine heart was tender, and thou
'didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his
'words against this place, and against the inhabitants there-
'of, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy
'clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also,
28 'Jehovah hath said it. Behold, I will gather thee to thy
'fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace,
'neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring
'upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same.'
So they brought the king word again.
29 Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders
30 of Judah and Jerusalem. And the king went up into the
House of Jehovah, and all the men of Judah, and the inha-
bitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and
all the people, great and small. And he read in their ears
all the words of the Book of the Covenant that was found
31 in the House of Jehovah. And the king stood on his
standing-place, and made a covenant before Jehovah, to
walk after Jehovah, and to keep his commandments, and
his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and
with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant
32 which are written in this book. And he caused all that
were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to it.
And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the
33 covenant of God, the God of their fathers. And Josiah
took away all the abominations [or idols] out of all the
countries that belonged to the children of Israel, and made
all that were present in Israel to serve, even to serve Jeho-
vah their God. And all his days they departed not from
following Jehovah, the God of their fathers.

Moreover Josiah kept a Passover unto Jehovah in Jeru- 1
salem. And they killed the passover on the fourteenth
day of the first month. And he set the priests over their 2
charges, and encouraged them to the service of the House
of Jehovah. And he said unto the Levites that taught all 3
Israel, who were holy unto Jehovah, 'Put the holy Ark in
'the House which Solomon the son of David king of Israel
'did build; [saying,] It shall not be a burden upon your
'shoulders. — Serve ye now Jehovah your God, and his
'people Israel, and prepare yourselves by the houses of 4
'your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing
'of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of
'Solomon his son. And stand ye in the Holy Place ac- 5
'cording to the divisions of the house of the fathers of your
'brethren the sons of the people, and after the division of
'the house of the fathers of the Levites. So kill the pass- 6
'over, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren,
'that they may do according to the word of Jehovah by
'the hand of Moses.' And Josiah gave as a heave offering 7
to the sons of the people, out of the flock, lambs and kids,
the whole needed for the passover animals, for all that were
present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thou-
sand bullocks. These were out of the king's substance.
And his princes gave as a heave offering willingly to the 8
people, to the priests, and to the Levites; even Hilkiah and
Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the House of God, gave to
the priests for the passover animals two thousand and six
hundred of the flock, and three hundred oxen. Conaniah 9
also, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Ha-
shabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave
as a heave offering to the Levites for the passover animals
five thousand of the flock, and five hundred oxen. So the 10
service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place,
and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's
command. And they killed the passover, and the priests 11
sprinkled [the blood] from their hands, and the Levites
took the skin off. And they removed the burnt offerings, 12
that they might give them according to the divisions of the
houses of the fathers, unto the sons of the people, to bring
unto Jehovah, as it is written in the Book of Moses. And so
did they with the oxen. And they cooked the passover with 13
fire according to the ordinance. But the other holy offer-

ings cooked they in pots, and in kettles, and in pans, and divided them speedily among all the sons of the people.
14 And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests; because the priests the sons of Aaron were offering the burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the
15 sons of Aaron. And the singers the sons of Asaph were in their place, according to the command of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer. And the door-keepers were at every gate; they could not depart from their service; therefore their brethren the Levites prepared
16 for them. So all the service of Jehovah was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of Jehovah, according to the command of
17 king Josiah. And the children of Israel that were present kept the Passover at that time, and the Feast of Unleavened
18 Bread seven days. And there was no Passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a Passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah [B.C. 624] was this Passover kept.

20 After all this, when Josiah had prepared the House, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish
21 by the Euphrates. And Josiah went out against him. But [Necho] sent messengers to him, saying, 'What have I to 'do with thee, thou king of Judah? I come not against 'thee this day, but against the house wherewith I have war. 'For God commanded me to make haste. Forbear thee 'from God, who is with me, that he destroy thee not.'
22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God,
23 and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo. And the archers shot at king Josiah. And the king said to his ser-
24 vants, 'Carry me away; for I am sore wounded.' His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him into the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died. And he was buried in the burial-place of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned
25 for Josiah. And Jeremiah sang a lamentation for Josiah.

And all the singing men and the singing women speak of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and have made them an ordinance in Israel. And, behold, they are written in the Lamentations.

Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his kindness, according to what is written in the law of Jehovah, and his deeds, the first and the last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

Then the people of the land took JEHOAHAZ the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem [in B.C. 610]. Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And the king of Egypt put him aside at Jerusalem, and laid a tribute on the land of a hundred Kikars [or hundred weights] of silver and a Kikar of gold. And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem. And he turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

JEHOIAKIM was twenty and five years old when he began to reign [in B.C. 610], and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah his God. Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar also carried some of the vessels of the House of Jehovah to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah. And Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead [in B.C. 600].

JEHOIACHIN was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem; and he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah. And at the return of the year, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the House of Jehovah, and made Zedekiah his [father's] brother king over Judah and Jerusalem [in B.C. 599].

ZEDEKIAH was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah, who was a prophet

13 from the mouth of Jehovah. And he also rebelled against
king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God.
But he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from
turning unto Jehovah the God of Israel.

14 Moreover all the chief of the priests, and of the people,
transgressed very much after all the abominations of the
Nations; and polluted the House of Jehovah, which he had
15 hallowed in Jerusalem. And Jehovah the God of their
fathers sent to them by the hand of his messengers [or
preachers], rising up betimes, and sending; because he had
16 compassion on his people, and on his dwelling-place. But
they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his
words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of Jeho-
vah arose against his people, till there was no remedy.
17 Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees,
who slew their young men with the sword in the House of
their Sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man
or maiden, old man, or him that had white hairs. He gave
18 them all into his hand. And all the vessels of the House
of God, great and small, and the treasures of the House of
Jehovah, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes;
19 all these he brought to Babylon [in B.C. 589]. And they
burnt the House of God, and brake down the wall of Jeru-
salem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and de-
20 stroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. And them that had
escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where
they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of
21 the kingdom of Persia; to fulfil the word of Jehovah by
the mouth of Jeremiah [in chap. xxv. 11], until the land
had enjoyed her sabbaths. All the days of her desolation
she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

22 Now in the first year of CYRUS KING OF PERSIA [B.C. 536],
that the word of Jehovah which was in the mouth of
Jeremiah [chap. xxix. 10] might be accomplished, Jehovah
stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made
a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also
23 in writing, saying, 'Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All
'the kingdoms of the earth hath Jehovah the God of heaven
'given me; and he hath charged me to build him the House
'in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among
'you of all his people? May Jehovah his God be with him;
'and let him go up.'

THE BOOK OF EZRA.

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that the word of Jehovah by the mouth of Jeremiah
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spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation
throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, say-
ing, 'Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, Jehovah the God of 2
'heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and
'he hath charged me to build for him the House at Jeru-
'salem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of 3
'all his people? May his God be with him, and let him
'go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the
'House of Jehovah the God of Israel, (he is God,) which
'is in Jerusalem. And whosoever remaineth in any place 4
'where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him
'with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with cattle,
'beside the freewill offering for the House of God that is in
'Jerusalem.'

Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and 5
Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them
whose spirit God had stirred up, to go up to build the
House of Jehovah which is in Jerusalem. And all they 6
that were about them strengthened their hands with vessels
of silver, with gold, with goods, and with cattle, and with
precious things, beside all that was willingly offered.

Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the 7
House of Jehovah, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth
out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his
gods; even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by 8
the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them
unto Sheshbazzar [or Zerubbabel], the Prince of Judah.
And this is the number of them; thirty dishes of gold, a 9
thousand dishes of silver, nine and twenty knives, thirty 10
covered cups of gold, silver covered cups of a second sort
four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand. All 11
the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and
four hundred. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up with
them of the captivity that were brought up from Babylon
unto Jerusalem.

1 Now these are THE CHILDREN OF THE PROVINCE [of Judea]
that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been
carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon
had carried away unto Babylon; and they came again unto
Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city.
2 Those who came with Zerubbabel;
Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai,
Bilshan, Mizpar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah.
The number of the men of THE PEOPLE of Israel;
3 The children of Parosh, two thousand a hundred seventy
and two.
4 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and
two.
5 The children of Arah, seven hundred seventy and five.
6 The children of the Pasha [or governor] of Moab, of the
children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred
and twelve.
7 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and
four.
8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five.
9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.
10 The children of Bani, six hundred forty and two.
11 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three.
12 The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and
two.
13 The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six.
14 The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six.
15 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four.
16 The children of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.
17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three.
18 The children of Jorah, a hundred and twelve.
19 The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three.
20 The children of Gibbar, ninety and five.
21 The children of Beth-lehem, a hundred twenty and three.
22 The men of Netophah, fifty and six.
23 The men of Anathoth, a hundred twenty and eight.
24 The children of Azmaveth, forty and two.
25 The children of the city of Jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth,
seven hundred and forty and three.
26 The children of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty and
one.
27 The men of Michmas, a hundred twenty and two.

The men of Beth-el and Ai, two hundred twenty and three. 2
The children of Nebo, fifty and two. 2
The children of Magbish, a hundred fifty and six. 3
The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred 3
fifty and four.
The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty. 3
The children of Lydda, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred 3
twenty and five.
The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five. 3
The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred 3
and thirty.
THE PRIESTS; 3
the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.
The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two. 3
The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and 3
seven.
The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen. 3
THE LEVITES; the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the 4
children of Hodaviah, seventy and four.
THE SINGERS; the children of Asaph, a hundred twenty 4
and eight.
The children of the DOOR-KEEPERS; 4
the children of Shallum, the children of Ater,
the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub,
the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai,
in all a hundred thirty and nine.
THE NETHINS [or Temple-servants]; 43
the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha,
the children of Tabbaoth, the children of Keros, 44
the children of Siaha, the children of Padon,
the children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, 45
the children of Akkub, the children of Hagab, 46
the children of Shalmai, the children of Hanan,
the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, 47
the children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, 48
the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam,
the children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, 49
the children of Besai, the children of Asnah, 50
the children of Maonim, the children of Nephusim,
the children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, 51
the children of Harhur, the children of Bazluth, 52

the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,
53 the children of Barkos, the children of Sisera,
54 the children of Thamah, the children of Neziah,
the children of Hatipha.
55 The children of SOLOMON'S SERVANTS;
the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth,
56 the children of Peruda, the children of Jaalah,
the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,
57 the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil,
the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Ami.
58 All the Nethins, and the children of Solomon's servants,
were three hundred ninety and two.
59 And these were they that went up from Tel-melah,
Telharsa, Cherub, Addan, and Immer, but COULD NOT
SHEW THEIR FATHER'S HOUSE, and their seed, whether they
60 were of Israel; the children of Delaiah, the children of
Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two.
61 And of the children of the priests; the children of Ha-
baiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai; who
took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite,
62 and was called after their name; these sought the writings
of their genealogy, but they were not found; therefore were
63 they, as polluted, put from the priesthood. And the Tirshatha
[or Persian governor, Zerubbabel] said unto them, that they
should not eat from the Holy of Holies, till there stood
up a priest with Urim and with Thummim.
64 The whole assembly together was forty and two thousand
65 three hundred and threescore, beside their servants and
their handmaids, of whom there were seven thousand three
hundred thirty and seven. And there were among them
66 two hundred singing men and singing women. Their horses
were seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hun-
67 dred forty and five; their camels, four hundred thirty and
five; their asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.
68 And some of the chief of the fathers, when they came to
the House of Jehovah which is at Jerusalem, offered freely
69 for the House of God to set it up in its place; they gave after
their ability unto the treasure of the work threescore and
one thousand Darics [or pounds sterling] of gold, and five
thousand Minahs [or 11,000 pounds weight] of silver, and one
70 hundred priests' under-coats. So the priests, and the Levites,
and some of the people, and the singers, and the door-

keepers, and the Nethins, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

AND WHEN THE SEVENTH MONTH was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. Then rose up 1
Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the Altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the Law of Moses the man of God. And they set the Altar upon its stand; for fear 2
was upon them because of the people of those countries. And they offered burnt offerings thereon unto Jehovah, burnt offerings morning and evening. And they kept the 4
Feast of Tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the ordinance, as the duty of every day required. And afterward they offered 5
the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the solemn feasts of Jehovah, that were consecrated, and for every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto Jehovah. From the first day of the seventh month 6
began they to offer burnt offerings unto Jehovah. But the foundation of the Great Hall [of the temple] of Jehovah was not yet laid.

Now they gave money unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and food, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, 7
and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea coast at Joppa, according to the grant that they had from Cyrus king of Persia. And in the second year of their 8
coming unto the House of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and they appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the House of Jehovah. Then stood Jeshua 9
with his sons, and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah [or Hodaviah] as one man, to set forward the workmen in the House of God; the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites. And when the 10
builders laid the foundation of the Great Hall [of the temple] of Jehovah, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to

praise Jehovah, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.
11 And they sang together by courses in praising and giving
thanks unto Jehovah; '*for he is good, for his kindness en-*
'*dureth for ever*' toward Israel. And all the people shouted
with a great shout, when they praised Jehovah, because the
12 foundation of the House of Jehovah was laid. And many
of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were
ancient men, that had seen the first House, when the foun-
dation of this House was laid before their eyes, wept with
13 a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy; so that the
people could not distinguish the noise of the shout of joy
from the noise of the weeping of the people; for the people
shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar
off.

IV. 1 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard
that the children of the captivity were building the Great
2 Hall [of the temple] unto Jehovah the God of Israel; then
they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers,
and said unto them, 'Let us build with you; for we seek
'your God, as ye do; and we have sacrificed unto him since
'the days of Esar-haddon king of Assyria, who brought us
3 'up hither.' But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of
the chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, 'Ye have
'nothing to do with us to build the House unto our God;
'but we ourselves alone will build unto Jehovah the God
'of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded
4 'us.' Then the people of the land weakened the hands of
5 the people of Judah, and troubled them while building, and
hired counsellors against them, to defeat their purpose, all
the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of
Darius king of Persia.

6 And in the reign of Ahasuerus [or Cambyses], in the
beginning of his reign [B.C. 529], wrote they an accusation
against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithre-
dath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions, unto Arta-
xerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was
written in Syriac letters, and translated into the Syriac
8 tongue. Rehum the keeper of the decrees and Shimshai *
the scribe wrote a public letter against Jerusalem to *
Artaxerxes [or Cambyses] the king, as we have said. *

9 Afterwards wrote Rehum the keeper of the decrees, and *

* Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions;
* the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the
* Apharsites [or Persians], the Erechevites, the Babylo-
* nians, the Susanchites, the Dehavites, and the Elamites,
* and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble 10
* Asnapper brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria,
* and the rest that are beyond the River [Euphrates], and
* so forth.
* This is the copy of THE PUBLIC LETTER that they sent 11
* unto him, even unto Artaxerxes the king;
* 'Thy servants the men beyond the River, and so forth.
* 'Be it known unto the king, that the Jews who came 12
* 'up from near thee to us are come up unto Jerusalem,
* 'and are building the rebellious and the bad city, and
* 'are completing the walls thereof, and repairing the foun-
* 'dations. Be it known now unto the king, that, if this 13
* 'city be builded, and the walls be completed, then will
* 'they not pay custom, tribute, and road-toll, and in the
* 'end thou wilt bring loss upon the kings. Now be- 14
* 'cause we have salt [or maintenance] from the palace, and
* 'it is not meet for us to see the king's loss, therefore have
* 'we sent and certified the king; so that search may be 15
* 'made in the book of the records of thy fathers; so shalt
* 'thou find in the book of the records, and know that
* 'this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and
* 'provinces, and that they have made sedition within the
* 'same of old time; for which cause was this city de-
* 'stroyed. We certify the king that, if this city be builded 16
* 'again, and the walls thereof set up, by this means thou
* 'wilt have no portion beyond the River [Euphrates].'
* Then sent the king an answer unto Rehum the keeper 17
* of the decrees, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest
* of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and unto the
* rest beyond the River,
* 'Peace, and so forth.
* 'The letter which ye sent unto us hath been plainly 18
* 'read before me. And I made a decree, and search hath 19
* 'been made, and it is found that this city of old time
* 'hath made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion
* 'and sedition have been made therein. There have been 20
* 'mighty kings also over Jerusalem, who have ruled over
* 'all the countries beyond the River; and custom, tribute,

21 'and road-toll, was paid unto them. Make ye now a decree *
'to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not *
22 'builded, without decree made by me. Take heed now *
'that ye fail not to do this; why should damage grow to *
23 'the hurt of the kings?' Now when the copy of king *
Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai *
the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste *
to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by *
24 strength of arm and by power. Then ceased the work *
of the House of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased *
unto the second year of THE REIGN OF DARIUS king of *
Persia [B.C. 520]. *

V. 1 Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah *
the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that were in *
Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, *
2 even unto them. Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of *
Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to *
build the House of God which is at Jerusalem; and with *
them were the prophets of God helping them. *
3 At the same time came to them Tatnai the Pasha [or *
governor] beyond the River, and Shethar-boznai, and *
their companions, and said thus unto them, 'Who hath *
'made a decree for you to build this House, and to com- *
4 'plete this wall?' Then we told them in like manner *
what were the names of the men that were making this *
5 building. But the eye of their God was upon the elders *
of the Jews, that those men could not cause them to cease, *
till a decree of Darius came; and then they returned *
answer by letter concerning this. *
6 THE COPY OF THE LETTER that Tatnai, the Pasha beyond *
the River, and Shethar-boznai, and his companions the *
Apharsachites, who were beyond the River, sent unto *
7 Darius the king. They sent a letter unto him, wherein *
was written thus; *
'Unto Darius the king, all peace. *
8 'Be it known unto the king, that we went into the *
'province of Judea, to the House of the great God, which *
'is being builded with great stones, and timber is being *
'laid in the walls, and this work goeth on fast, and pros- *
9 'pereth in their hands. Then asked we those elders, and *
'said unto them thus, Who made a decree for you to *
10 'build this House, and to complete these walls? We *

* 'asked their names also, to certify thee, that we might
* 'write the names of the men that were the chief of them.
* 'And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the 1
* 'servants of the God of heaven and earth, and are build-
* 'ing the House that was builded these many years ago,
* 'which a great king of Israel builded and completed.
* 'But after that our fathers had provoked the God of 1
* 'heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Ne-
* 'buchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who
* 'destroyed this house, and carried the people away into
* 'Babylon. But in the first year of Cyrus the king of 1
* 'Babylon the same king Cyrus made a decree to build
* 'this House of God. And the vessels also of gold and 1
* 'silver of the House of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took
* 'out of the Temple that was in Jerusalem, and carried
* 'them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the
* 'king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were
* 'delivered unto one, whose name was Sheshbazzar [or
* 'Zerubbabel], whom he had made Pasha; and said unto 1
* 'him, Take these vessels, go, place them in the Temple
* 'that is in Jerusalem, and let the House of God be builded
* 'in its place. Then came the same Sheshbazzar, and laid 1
* 'the foundation of the House of God which is in Jerusa-
* 'lem; and since that time even until now hath it been
* 'in building, and yet it is not finished. Now therefore, 1
* 'if it seem good to the king, let there be search made in
* 'the king's treasure house, which is there at Babylon,
* 'whether it be so, that a decree was made by Cyrus the
* 'king to build this House of God at Jerusalem, and let
* 'the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.'
* Then Darius the king made a decree, (when search had
* been made in the house of the writings, where the trea-
* sures were laid up in Babylon, and there had been found
* at Achmetha [or Egbatana], in the palace that is in the
* province of the Medes, a roll, and therein was a record
* thus written;
* In the first year of Cyrus the king, the same Cyrus the
* king made a decree concerning the House of God at Jeru-
* salem, Let the House be builded, the place where they
* offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be
* strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, and
* the breadth thereof threescore cubits; with three rows of

great stones, and a row of new timber; and let the ex- *
5 penses be given out of the king's house; and also let the *
golden and silver vessels of the House of God, which Ne- *
buchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at *
Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and *
brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, *
each to its place, and place them in the House of God;) *
6 'Now therefore [he wrote] ye, Tatnai the Pasha beyond *
'the River, Shethar-boznai, and your companions the *
'Apharsachites, who are beyond the River, be ye far *
7 'from thence. Let alone the work of this House of God; *
'let the Pasha of the Jews and the elders of the Jews *
8 'build this House of God in its place. Moreover I make *
'a decree as to what ye shall do to the elders of these *
'Jews for the building of this House of God; that out of *
'the king's goods, which are out of the tribute beyond *
'the River, forthwith expenses be given unto these men, *
9 'that they be not hindered. And that which they have *
'need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for *
'the burnt offerings to the God of heaven, wheat, salt, *
'wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests *
'who are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day *
0 'without fail; so that they may bring gifts of sweet *
'savour unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of *
1 'the king, and of his sons. Also I have made a decree, *
'that whosoever shall alter this word, let a beam be pulled *
'down from his house, and being set up, let him be *
'hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill *
2 'for this. And may the God that hath caused his name *
'to dwell there overthrow all kings and people that shall *
'put their hand to alter and to destroy this House of God *
'which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made the decree; *
'let it be done with speed.' *
3 Then Tatnai the Pasha beyond the River, Shethar-boz- *
nai, and their companions, according to that which Darius *
the king had sent, so they did speedily. *
4 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered *
through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Ze- *
chariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished *
it, according to the command of the God of Israel, and *
according to the decree of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artax- *
15 erxes king of Persia. And this House was finished on *

* the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth
* year of the reign of Darius the king [B.C. 516]. And 16
* the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and
* the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedica-
* tion of this House of God with joy, and brought as a gift 17
* at the dedication of this House of God a hundred bul-
* locks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for
* a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to
* the number of the tribes of Israel. And they set the 18
* priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses,
* for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is
* written in the Book of Moses.

And the children of the captivity kept the Passover upon 19
the fourteenth day of the first month. For the priests and 20
the Levites were purified together, all of them were pure,
and they killed the passover for all the children of the cap-
tivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.
And the children of Israel, who were come back out of cap- 21
tivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them
from the filthiness of the nations of the land, to seek Jeho-
vah the God of Israel, did eat. And they kept the feast of 22
Unleavened Bread seven days with joy; for Jehovah had
made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of
Assyria [or Persia] unto them, to strengthen their hands
in the work of the House of God, the God of Israel.

Now after these things, in THE REIGN OF ARTAXERXES 1
[Xerxes I.] king of Persia, the chief priest was Ezra

the son of Seraiah,	the son of Meraioth,	
the son of Azariah,	the son of Zerahiah,	4
the son of Hilkiah,	the son of Uzzi,	
the son of Shallum, 2	the son of Bukki,	
the son of Zadok,	the son of Abishua,	5
the son of Ahitub,	the son of Phinehas,	
the son of Amariah, 3	the son of Eleazar,	
the son of Azariah,	the son of Aaron.	

This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready 6
scribe in the Law of Moses, which Jehovah the God of
Israel had given; and the king granted him all his request,
because the hand of Jehovah his God was upon him. And 7
there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the
priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the door-
keepers, and the Nethins, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh

8 year of Artaxerxes the king [B.C. 479]. And he came to
Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh
9 year of the king. For upon the first day of the first month
began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the
fifth month came he to Jerusalem, because the good hand
10 of his God was upon him. For Ezra had prepared his
heart to seek the Law of Jehovah, and to do it, and to teach
in Israel the statutes and judgments.

11 Now this is the COPY OF THE LETTER that the king Artax-
erxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, even a scribe
of the words of the commandments of Jehovah, and of his
statutes to Israel.

12 'Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a *
'scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, *
'and so forth. *

13 'I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, *
'and of his priests and Levites, in my kingdom, who are *
'minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, do *
14 'go with thee. Forasmuch as thou art sent from before *
'the king, and his seven counsellors, to inquire concern- *
'ing Judah and Jerusalem, according to the Law of thy *
15 'God which is in thine hand; and to carry the silver *
'and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely *
'offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in *
16 'Jerusalem, and all the silver and gold that thou canst *
'find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill *
'offering of the [Jewish] people, and of the priests, who *
'offer willingly for the House of their God which is in *
17 'Jerusalem; that thou mayest buy speedily with this *
'money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meal offerings *
'and their drink offerings, and bring them unto the Altar *
18 'of the House of your God which is in Jerusalem. And *
'whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, *
'to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do *
19 'after the will of your God. The vessels also that are *
'given thee for the service of the House of thy God, those *
20 'do thou restore before the God of Jerusalem. And what- *
'soever more shall be needful for the House of thy God, *
'which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it out *
21 'of the king's treasure house. And I, even I Artaxerxes *
'the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers who are *
'beyond the River, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the *

* 'scribe of the Law of the God of heaven, shall require of
* 'you, it be done speedily, unto a hundred Kikars [or hun- 22
* 'dred weights] of silver, and to a hundred Cors [or nine
* 'hundred bushels] of wheat, and to a hundred Baths [or
* 'seventy-five gallons] of wine, and to a hundred Baths
* 'of oil, and salt without measure. Whatsoever is com- 23
* 'manded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done
* 'for the House of the God of heaven; for why should there
* 'be wrath against the kingdom of the king and his sons?
* 'Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests 24
* 'and Levites, singers, door-keepers, Nethins, or ministers
* 'of this House of God, it shall not be lawful to impose
* 'custom, tribute, or road-toll, upon them. And thou, 25
* 'Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that is in thine hand,
* 'set magistrates and judges, who may judge all the people
* 'that are beyond the River, all such as know the laws of
* 'thy God; and teach ye them that know them not. And 26
* 'whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law
* 'of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon
* 'him, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to
* 'confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.'

Blessed be Jehovah the God of our fathers, who hath 27
put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the
House of Jehovah which is in Jerusalem; and hath ex- 28
tended mercy unto me before the king, and his counsellors,
and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was
strengthened because the hand of Jehovah my God was
upon me; and I gathered together out of Israel chief men
to go up with me.

NOW THESE are the chief of their fathers, and this is the 1
genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in
the reign of Artaxerxes the king.

Of the sons of Phinehas; Gershom; 2
of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel;
of the sons of David; Hattush, of the sons of Shecha- 3
niah;
of the sons of Parosh; Zechariah, and with him were
reckoned by genealogy of the males a hundred and fifty.
Of the sons of the Pasha of Moab; Elihoenai the son of 4
Zerahiah, and with him two hundred males.
Of the sons of Shechaniah; the son of Jahaziel, and with 5
him three hundred males.

6 Of the sons also of Adin; Ebed the son of Jonathan, and
with him fifty males.
7 And of the sons of Elam; Jeshaiah the son of Athaliah, and
with him seventy males.
8 And of the sons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah the son of Michael,
and with him fourscore males.
9 Of the sons of Joab; Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with
him two hundred and eighteen males.
10 And of the sons of Shelomith; the son of Josiphiah, and
with him a hundred and threescore males.
11 And of the sons of Bebai; Zechariah the son of Bebai, and
with him twenty and eight males.
12 And of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the youngest son, and
with him a hundred and ten males.
13 And of the latter sons of Adonikam, whose names are these,
Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them threescore
males.
14 Of the sons also of Bigvai; Uthai, and Zabbud, and with
them seventy males.
15 And I gathered them together to the river that runneth
to Ahava; and there abode we in tents three days; and I
viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of
16 the sons of Levi. Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for
Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elna-
than, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam,
chief men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, men of under-
17 standing. And I sent them with command unto Iddo the
chief at the place Caspia, and I told them what they should
say unto Iddo, and to his brethren the Nethins, at the place
Caspia, that they should bring unto us ministers for the
18 House of our God. And because of the good hand of our
God upon us, they brought us a man of understanding, of
the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel, even
19 Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen;—and
Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari,
20 his brethren and their sons, twenty;—also of the Nethins,
whom David and the princes had appointed for the service
of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethins; all of
them were expressed by name.
21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that
we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek from him
a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our

substance. For I was ashamed to ask from the king a band 22
of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in
the way; because we had spoken unto the king, saying,
'The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek
'him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that
'forsake him.' So we fasted and besought our God for this; 23
and he was entreated by us.

Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Shere- 24
biah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them, and 25
weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels,
even the heave offering of the House of our God, which the
king, and his counsellors, and his lords, and all Israel there
present, had offered; I even weighed unto their hand six 26
hundred and fifty Kikars [or hundred weights] of silver,
and silver vessels a hundred Kikars, and of gold a hundred
Kikars; also twenty covered cups of gold, of a thousand 27
Darics; and two vessels of fine yellow copper [or brass], as
precious as gold. And I said unto them, 'Ye are holy unto 28
'Jehovah; the vessels are holy also; and the silver and the
'gold are a freewill offering unto Jehovah the God of your
'fathers. Watch ye, and keep them, until ye weigh them 29
'before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and chief of
'the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the
'House of Jehovah.' So the priests and the Levites took 30
the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels to
bring them to Jerusalem unto the House of our God.

Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth 31
day of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem; and the hand
of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand
of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way. And 32
we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days.

Now on the fourth day was the silver and the gold and 33
the vessels weighed in the House of our God by the hand
of Meremoth the son of Uriah the Priest; and with him
was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them was Joza-
bad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui,
Levites; by number and by weight of every one; and all 34
the weight was written at that time. Also the children of 35
those that had been carried away, who were come out from
the captivity, offered burnt offerings unto the God of Israel,
twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy
and seven lambs, with twelve he goats for a sin offering;

36 all this was a burnt offering unto Jehovah. And they de-
livered the king's commissions unto the king's Satraps [or
lieutenants], and to the Pashas [or governors] beyond the
River [Euphrates]. And they furthered the people, and the
House of God.

1 Now when these things were done, the princes came to
me, saying, 'The people of Israel, and the priests, and the
'Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of
'the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of
'the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites,
'the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the
2 'Amorites. For they have taken some of their daughters
'for themselves, and for their sons; so that the holy seed
'have mingled themselves with the people of these lands;
'yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in
3 'this transgression.' And when I heard this thing, I rent
my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of
4 my head and of my beard, and sat down desolate. Then
were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the
words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of
those that had been in captivity; and I sat desolate until
the evening meal offering.

5 And at the evening meal offering I arose up from afflict-
ing myself; and having rent my garment and my mantle,
I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto Jeho-
6 vah my God, and said, 'O my God, I am ashamed and
'blush to lift up my face to thee, my God; for our iniqui-
'ties are increased over our head, and our guilt is grown up
7 'unto the heavens. Since the days of our fathers have we
'been in great guilt unto this day; and for our iniquities
'have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the
'hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity,
'and to plunder, and to confusion of face, as it is this day.
8 'And now for a little moment grace hath been shewed from
'Jehovah our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and
'to give us a tent-pin in his Holy Place, that our God may
'give light to our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our
9 'bondage. For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not
'forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto
'us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving,
'to set up the House of our God, and to repair the ruins
'thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

'And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we 10
'have forsaken thy commands, which thou hast commanded 11
'by the hand of thy servants the prophets [Deut. vii. 1,
'xxiii. 6], saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it,
'is an unclean land with the uncleanness of the people of
'the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it
'from end to end with their filthiness. *Now therefore give* 12
'*not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daugh-*
'*ters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for*
'*ever;* so that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the
'land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for
'ever. And after all that is come upon us for our evil 13
'deeds, and for our great guilt, seeing that thou our God
'hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast
'given us such deliverance as this; should we again break 14
'thy commandments, and join in marriage with the people
'of these abominations? Wouldest not thou be angry with
'us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be
'no remnant nor escaping? O Jehovah God of Israel, thou 15
'art righteous; for we remain yet escaped, as it is this day.
'Behold, we are before thee in our guilt; for we cannot
'stand before thee because of this.'

Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, 1
weeping and casting himself down before the House of God,
there gathered themselves unto him out of Israel a very
great assembly of men and women and children; for the
people wept a great weeping. And Shechaniah the son of 2
Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto
Ezra, 'We have trespassed against our God, and have taken
'strange wives of the people of the land. Yet now there
'is hope in Israel concerning this thing. Therefore let us 3
'now make a covenant with our God to put away all the
'wives, and such as are born of them, according to the
'counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the com-
'mand of our God; and let it be done according to the Law.
'Arise; for this matter belongeth unto thee; we also will 4
'be with thee; be of good courage, and do it.' Then arose 5
Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel,
to swear that they should do according to this word. And
they sware.

Then Ezra rose up from before the House of God, and 6
went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib; and

when he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water; for he mourned over the transgression of them that had
7 been in captivity. And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem;
8 and that whosoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from the assembly of those that had been in captivity.

9 Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, and the twentieth day of the month; and all the people sat in the Broad Place of the House of God, trembling because of this matter, and for the great rain.
10 And Ezra the Priest stood up, and said unto them, 'Ye have 'transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase
11 'the guilt of Israel. Now therefore make confession unto 'Jehovah the God of your fathers, and do his pleasure; and 'separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from
12 'your strange wives.' Then all the assembly answered and said with a loud voice, 'As thou hast said, so must we do.
13 'But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and 'we are not able to stand outside, neither is this a work of 'one day or of two; for we are many that have transgressed
14 'in this thing. Let now our rulers be set over all the as-'sembly, and let all them that have taken strange wives 'in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the 'elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce 'wrath of our God for this matter be turned from us.'

15 And Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah were set over this matter; and Meshullam and Shab-
16 bethai the Levite helped them. And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the Priest, with certain chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by their names, were separated, and sat down on the
17 first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. And they made an end of the matter with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.

18 And among the sons of the Priests there were found some that had taken strange wives; namely, of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren; Maaseiah, and Eliezer,
19 and Jarib, and Gedaliah. And they gave their hands that

they would put away their wives; and being guilty, they gave a ram of the flock for their guilt.—And of the sons of 20
Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah.—And of the sons of Harim; 21
Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziah.
—And of the sons of Pashur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, 22
Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasah.

Also of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah, 23
(the same is Kelita,) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

Of the Singers also; Eliashib. 24

And of the Door-keepers; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

And of Israel; of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, and 25
Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.—And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, 26
Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah.
—And of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, 27
and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.—And of the sons of 28
Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai.—And of 29
the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub,
and Sheal, and Ramoth.—And of the sons of the Pasha of 30
Moab; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah,
Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.—And of the sons of 31
Harim; Eliezer, Ishiah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,
Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah.—Of the sons of Ha- 32
shum; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, 33
Manasseh, and Shimei.—Of the sons of Bani; 34
Maadai, Amram, and Uel,
Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh, 35
Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib, 36
Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau, 37
and Bani, and Binnui, Shimei, 38
and Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah, 39
Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai, 40
Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah, 41
Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.— 42
Of the sons of Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, 43
Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.

All these had taken strange wives; and some of them had 44
wives by whom they had children.

THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH.

1 THE WORDS OF NEHEMIAH the son of Hachaliah.
And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the
twentieth year [of Artaxerxes Longimanus, B.C. 445], as I
2 was in Susa the royal city, that Hanani, one of my brethren,
came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them con-
cerning the Jews that had escaped, who were left of the
3 captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. And they said unto
me, 'The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the
'Province [of Judea] are in great affliction and reproach;
'the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates
4 'thereof are burned with fire.' And it came to pass, when
I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned
some days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,
5 and said, 'I beseech thee, O Jehovah God of heaven, O
'great and terrible God, that keepest covenant and mercy
'for them that love him and observe his commandments;
6 'let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that
'thou mayest hearken unto the prayer of thy servant, which
'I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children
'of Israel thy servants, and I confess the sins of the chil-
'dren of Israel, which we have sinned against thee. Both
7 'I and my father's house have sinned. We have dealt very
'corruptly against thee, and have not kept the command-
'ments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou
8 'commandedst thy servant Moses. Remember, I beseech
'thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses,
'saying, *If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the*
9 '*Nations; but if ye turn unto me, and keep my command-*
'*ments, and do them; though some of you be cast out unto the*
'*uttermost part of the heavens, yet will I gather them from*
'*thence, and will bring them unto the Place that I have chosen*
10 '*to cause my name to dwell there.* Now these are thy ser-
'vants and thy people, whom thou didst redeem by thy
11 'great power, and by thy strong hand. O Lord, I beseech
'thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy
'servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who delight to
'fear thy name; and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this

'day, and grant him to find mercy in the sight of this man.'
For I was the king's cupbearer.

And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth 1
year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him;
and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I
had not been beforetime sad in his presence. Wherefore the 2
king said unto me, 'Why is thy countenance sad, seeing
'thou art not sick? This is nothing else but sorrow of
'heart.' Then I was very sore afraid, and said unto the 3
king, 'Let the king live for ever. Why should not my
'countenance be sad, when the city, the house of my father's
'sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed
'with fire?' Then the king said unto me, 'For what dost 4
'thou make request?' So I prayed to the God of heaven.
And I said unto the king, 'If it please the king, and if thy 5
'servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest
'send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepul-
'chres, that I may build it up.' And the king said unto 6
me, (the queen also sitting by him,) 'For how long a time
'shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return?' So it
pleased the king to send me; and I gave him a fixed time.
Moreover I said unto the king, 'If it please the king, let 7
'royal letters be given me to the Pashas [or governors]
'beyond the River [Euphrates], that they may convey me
'forward till I come into Judah; and a royal letter unto 8
'Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me
'timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel which
'belongeth to the House, and for the wall of the city, and
'for the House that I am going to.' And the king granted
me, because the good hand of my God was upon me.

Then I came to the Pashas beyond the River, and gave 9
them the king's royal letters. Now the king had sent cap-
tains of the army and horsemen with me. When Sanballat 10
the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard
of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a
man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel. So I 11
came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; 12
neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart
to do at Jerusalem; neither was there any beast with me,
save the beast that I rode upon. And I went out by night 13

by the Valley Gate, even before the Dragon Well, and to the Dung Gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed
11 with fire. Then I went on to the Fountain Gate, and to the King's Pool; but there was no place for the beast that
12 was under me to pass. Then went I up in the night by the Brook [Kidron], and viewed the wall, and turned back,
16 and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.

17 Then said I unto them, 'Ye see the distress that we are 'in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are 'burned with fire; come, and let us build up the wall of
18 'Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.' Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, 'Let us rise up and build.' So they strengthened
19 their hands for this good work. But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, 'What is this thing that ye are doing?
20 'Will ye rebel against the king?' Then answered I them, and said unto them, 'The God of heaven, he will prosper 'us; therefore we his servants will arise and build. But ye 'have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.'

1 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the Sheep Gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the Tower of
2 Meah they sanctified it, unto the Tower of Hananeel. And next unto him builded the men of Jericho. And next to them builded Zaccur the son of Imri.

3 But the Fish Gate did the sons of Senaah build, who also laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof,
4 the locks thereof, and the cross-bars thereof. And next unto them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And next unto them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel. And next unto them
5 repaired Zadok the son of Baana. And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord.

Moreover Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam 6
the son of Besodeiah repaired the Old Gate; they laid the
beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the locks
thereof, and the cross-bars thereof. And next unto them 7
repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronoth-
ite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the Throne of
the Pasha beyond the River.

Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of 8
the metal-founders. Next unto him also repaired Hananiah
the son of one of the apothecaries, and they made Jerusa-
lem free as far as the Broad Wall.

And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, 9
the ruler of half the neighbourhood round Jerusalem. And 10
next unto them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even
over against his own house. And next unto him repaired
Hattush the son of Hashabniah. Malchijah the son of 11
Harim, and Hashub the son of the Pasha of Moab, repaired
a second portion, and the Tower of the Furnaces. And 12
next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Lohesh, the
ruler of half the neighbourhood round Jerusalem, he and
his daughters.

The Valley Gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of 13
Zanoah; they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the
locks thereof, and the cross-bars thereof, and a thousand
cubits on the wall unto the Dung Gate. But the Dung 14
Gate repaired Malchiah the son of Rechab, the ruler of the
neighbourhood round Beth-haccerem; he built it, and set
up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the cross-bars
thereof.

And the Fountain Gate repaired Shallun the son of Col- 15
hozeh, the ruler of the neighbourhood round Mizpah; he
built it, and roofed it, and set up the doors thereof, the
locks thereof, and the cross-bars thereof, and the wall of
the Pool of Siloah by the king's garden, and unto the Stairs
that go down from the city of David. After him repaired 16
Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of half the neigh-
bourhood round Bethzur, unto the place over against the
Sepulchres of David, and to the Pool that was made, and
unto the House of the chief men.

And after him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of 17
Bani. Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of half
the neighbourhood round Keilah, in his neighbourhood.

18 After him repaired their brethren, Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of half the neighbourhood round Keilah.
19 And next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, repaired a second portion over against the going up to the Armoury at the Turning [of the wall].
20 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired a second portion, from the Turning unto the door of the
21 house of Eliashib the high priest. After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Koz a second portion, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib.
22 And after him repaired the priests, the men of the coun-
23 try around. After him repaired Benjamin and Hashub over against their own house. After him repaired Azariah the son of Maasciah the son of Ananiah by his own house.
24 After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad a second portion, from the house of Azariah unto the Turning, even
25 unto the Corner. Palal the son of Uzai, over against the Turning, and the Tower which standeth forward from the king's Upper House, that is by the court of the Watch House. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh.
26 Moreover the Nethins [or temple-servants] who dwelt in [the suburb] Ophel [repaired] unto the place over against the Water Gate toward the east, and the Tower that standeth
27 forward. After them the Tekoites repaired a second portion, over against the Great Tower that standeth forward, even unto the wall of Ophel.
28 From above the Horse Gate repaired the priests, every
29 one over against his own house. After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his own house. After him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper
30 of the East Gate. After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, a second portion. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Bere-
31 chiah over against his own chamber. After him repaired Malchiah the son of Zerepi unto the house of the Nethins, and of the merchants, over against the Gate of the Registry,
32 and to the Ascent at the Corner. And between the Ascent at the Corner unto the Sheep Gate repaired the metal-founders and the merchants.

1 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation,

and mocked the Jews. And he spake before his brethren 2
and the army of Samaria, and said, 'What are these feeble
'Jews doing? Will they make themselves free? Will they
'sacrifice? Will they make an end in a day? Will they
'revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which
'are burned?' Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and 3
he said, 'Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he
'shall even break down their stone wall.'

(Hear, O our God, for we are despised; and turn back 4
their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a
prey in a land of captivity; and cover not their iniquity, 5
and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee; for
they have provoked thee to anger before the builders.)

So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined toge- 6
ther as far as the half thereof; for the people had a mind
to work.

But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, 7
and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites,
heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem went on,
and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were
very wroth, and conspired all of them together to come 8
and to fight against Jerusalem, and to bring trouble on it.
Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a 9
watch against them day and night, because of them. And 10
Judah said, 'The strength of the bearers of burdens faileth,
'and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to
'build the wall.' And our adversaries said, 'They shall not 11
'know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them,
'and slay them, and cause the work to cease.' And it came 12
to pass, that when the Jews that dwelt near them came,
they said unto us ten times, 'From all places whence ye
'are returning they will be upon us.'

Therefore I set in the lower places behind the wall, on 13
the dry ground, I even set the people after their families
with their swords, their spears, and their bows. And I 14
looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the
rulers, and to the rest of the people, 'Be not ye afraid of
'them; remember the Lord, who is great and terrible, and
'fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters,
'your wives, and your houses.'

And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was 15
known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to

nought, then we returned all of us to the wall, every one
16 unto his work. And it came to pass from that time forth,
that the half of my servants laboured in the work, and the
other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and
the bows, and the coats of mail; and the rulers were behind
17 all the house of Judah. They that builded on the wall, and
they that bare burdens, being loaded, every one with one of
his hands laboured in the work, and with the other hand
18 he held a sword. For the builders, every one had his sword
girded to his waist, and so he builded. And he that sounded
the trumpet was by me.
19 And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the
rest of the people, 'The work is great and large, and we
20 'are separated upon the wall, one far from another. In
'what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet,
21 'resort ye thither unto us; our God will fight for us.' So
we laboured in the work; and half of them held the spears
22 from the rising of the morning till the stars came out. Like-
wise at the same time said I unto the people, 'Let every
'one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, so that in
'the night they may be a guard to us, and may labour in
23 'the day.' So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants,
nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us
put off our clothes; every one [went with] his sword for
water.
1 And there was a great cry of the people and of their
2 wives against their brethren the Jews. For there were some
that said, 'We, our sons, and our daughters, are many;
'therefore we will get corn for them, that we may eat, and
3 'live.' Some also there were that said, 'We have mortgaged
'our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might get corn,
4 'because of the dearth.' There were also some that said,
'We have borrowed money upon our lands and vineyards
5 'for the king's tribute. Yet now our flesh is as the flesh
'of our brethren, our children as their children; and, lo,
'we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be
'servants, and some of our daughters are brought unto
'bondage already; and no power have we; for other men
'have our lands and vineyards.'
6 And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these
7 words. Then my heart took counsel within me, and I re-
buked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, 'Ye

'exact usury, every one from his brother.' And I set up
a great assembly against them. And I said unto them, 'We 8
'after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, who
'were sold unto the Nations; and will ye even sell your
'brethren? Or shall they be sold unto us?' Then held
they their peace, and found no answer. Also I said, 'It 9
'is not good that ye do. Ought ye not to walk in the fear
'of our God because of the reproach of the Nations our
'enemies? I likewise, and my brethren, and my servants, 10
'might exact from them money and corn. I pray you, let
'us leave off this usury. Restore, I pray you, to them, even 11
'this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and
'their houses, also the hundredth part [monthly] of the
'money, and of the corn, the grape juice, and the oil, that
'ye exact from them.' Then said they, 'We will restore 12
'them, and will require nothing from them; so will we do
'as thou sayest.' Then I called the priests, and took an
oath from them, that they should do according to this pro-
mise. Also I shook my lap, and said, 'So God shake out 13
'every man from his house, and from the fruit of his labour,
'that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken
'out, and emptied.' And all the assembly said, 'Amen,'
and praised Jehovah. And the people did according to this
promise.

(Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their 14
Pasha in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year [B.C.
445] even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes
the king [B.C. 433], that is, twelve years, I and my brethren
have not eaten the bread of a Pasha. But the former Pashas 15
that had been before me were a burden upon the people,
and had taken from them bread and wine, besides forty
Shekels [or eighty shillings] of silver [monthly]. Yea, even
their servants bare rule over the people. But so did not
I, because of the fear of God. Yea, also I continued at the 16
work of this wall, neither bought we any land; and all my
servants were gathered thither unto the work. Moreover 17
there were at my table a hundred and fifty of the Jews
and rulers, beside those that came unto us from among the
nations that are about us. Now that which was prepared 18
for me daily was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls
were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts
of wine. Yet for all this I desired not the bread of a Pasha,

19 because the bondage was heavy upon this people. Think upon me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.)

VI. 1 Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the 2 doors at the gates;) that Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, 'Come, let us meet together in the villages in 'the valley of Ono.' But they purposed to do me mischief. 3 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, 'I am doing a 'great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should 'the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?' 4 Yet they sent unto me four times after this manner; and I answered them after the same manner.

5 Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me after the same manner the fifth time with a public letter open in his hand; 6 wherein was written, 'It is reported among the Nations, 'and Geshemu saith it, that thou and the Jews purpose to 'rebel; for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou 7 'mayest be their king, according to these words. And 'thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at 'Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah. And now 'it will be reported to the king according to these words. 'Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.' 8 Then I sent unto him, saying, 'There are no such things 'done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine 9 'own heart.' For they all made us afraid, saying, 'Their 'hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not 'done.'

(Now, therefore, strengthen Thou my hands.)

10 Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who would be in bondage; and he said, 'Let us meet together in the House of God, 'within the Great Hall, and let us shut the doors of the 'Great Hall; for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the 11 'night will they come to slay thee.' And I said, 'Should 'such a man as I flee? And who is there, that, being as I 'am, would go into the Great Hall [of the Temple] to save 12 'his life? I will not go in.' And I considered, and, behold, God had not sent him; but he pronounced this prophecy against me, because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired

him. For this was he hired, that I should be afraid, and 13
do so, and should sin, and that they might have matter for
an evil report, so that they might reproach me.

(My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat accord- 14
ing to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah,
and the rest of the prophets, who would have put me in
fear.)

So the wall was finished on the twenty and fifth day of 15
the month Elul, in fifty and two days. And it came to 16
pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the
nations that were about us saw these things, they were
much cast down in their own eyes; for they perceived that
this work was wrought of our God.

Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many 17
public letters unto Tobiah; and those of Tobiah came unto
them. For there were many men in Judah sworn unto him, 18
because he was the son in law of Shechaniah the son of
Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Me-
shullam the son of Berechiah. Also they reported his good 19
deeds before me, and uttered my words to him. And
Tobiah sent public letters to put me in fear.

Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had 1
set up the doors, and the door-keepers and the singers and
the Levites were appointed, that I gave my brother Hanani, 2
and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusa-
lem; for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many.
And I said unto them, 'Let not the gates of Jerusalem be 3
'opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let
'them shut the doors, and bar them; and appoint watches
'of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch,
'and every one over against his own house.' Now the 4
city was large and great; but the people were few therein,
and the houses were not builded. And my God put into 5
mine heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers,
and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy.
And I found a register of the genealogy of them that came
up at the first [in B.C. 535], and I found written therein;
These are the children of the Province [of Judea], that went 6
up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away,
whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried
away, and they came again to Jerusalem and to Judah,
every one unto his city; those who came with Zerubbabel, 7

Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah,
Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai,
Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai,
Nehum, Baanah.

The number of the men of the people of Israel was this;

8 *The children of Parosh, two thousand a hundred seventy and two.*
9 *The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.*
10 *The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and two.*
11 *The children of the Pasha of Moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred and eighteen.*
12 *The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.*
13 *The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five.*
14 *The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.*
15 *The children of Binnui, six hundred forty and eight.*
16 *The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight.*
17 *The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two.*
18 *The children of Adonikam, six hundred threescore and seven.*
19 *The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven.*
20 *The children of Adin, six hundred fifty and five.*
21 *The children of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.*
22 *The children of Hashum, three hundred twenty and eight.*
23 *The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four.*
24 *The children of Hariph, a hundred and twelve.*
25 *The children of Gibeon, ninety and five.*
26 *The men of Beth-lehem and Netophah, a hundred fourscore and eight.*
27 *The men of Anathoth, a hundred twenty and eight.*
28 *The men of Beth-azmaveth, forty and two.*
29 *The men of the city of Jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three.*
30 *The men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty and one.*
31 *The men of Michmas, a hundred and twenty and two.*
32 *The men of Beth-el and Ai, a hundred twenty and three.*
33 *The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two.*
34 *The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.*
35 *The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.*
36 *The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.*

The children of Lydda, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one. 37
The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty. 38
The Priests; 39
The children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.
The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two. 40
The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven. 41
The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen. 42
The Levites; the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, and of the children of Hodevah, seventy and four. 43
The Singers; the children of Asaph, a hundred forty and eight. 44
The Door-keepers; 45
the children of Shallum, the children of Ater,
the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub,
the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, a hundred thirty and eight.
The Nethins [*or Temple-servants*]; 46
the children of Ziha, the children of Hashupha,
the children of Tabbaoth, the children of Keros, 47
the children of Sia, the children of Padon,
the children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, 48
the children of Shalmai, the children of Hanan, 49
the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar,
the children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, 50
the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam, 51
the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah,
the children of Besai, the children of Maonim, 52
the children of Nephishesim, the children of Bakbuk, 53
the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,
the children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, 54
the children of Harsha, the children of Barkos, 55
the children of Sisera, the children of Tamah,
the children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha. 56
The children of Solomon's servants; 57
the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth,
the children of Perida, the children of Jaala, 58
the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,
the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, 59

the children of Pochereth of Zebaim,
60 *the children of Amon. All the Nethins, and the children*
of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two.
61 *And these are they that went up also from Tel-melah,*
Tel-haresha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer; but they could
not shew their father's house, nor their seed, whether they
62 *were of Israel. The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah,*
63 *the children of Nekoda, six hundred forty and two; and of*
the priests; the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the
children of Barzillai, who took one of the daughters of Bar-
zillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name;
64 *these sought the writings of their genealogy, but they were not*
found; therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priest-
65 *hood. And the Tirshatha [or Persian governor] said unto*
them, that they should not eat from the Holy of Holies, till
there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim.
66 *The whole assembly together was forty and two thousand*
67 *three hundred and threescore, beside their servants and their*
hand-maids, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred
thirty and seven; and they had two hundred forty and five
68 *singing men and singing women. Their horses, seven hun-*
dred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five;
69 *their camels, four hundred thirty and five; six thousand seven*
hundred and twenty asses.
70 *And some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work.*
The Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand Darics [or
pounds sterling] of gold, fifty sprinkling vessels, five hundred
71 *and thirty priests' under coats. And some of the chief of the*
fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand
Darics of gold, and two thousand and two hundred Minahs
72 *[or five thousand pounds weight] of silver. And that which*
the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand Darics of
gold, and two thousand Minahs of silver, and threescore and
73 *seven priests' under coats. So the priests, and the Levites,*
and the door-keepers, and the singers, and some of the people,
and the Nethins, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities.

And when the seventh month was come, the children of
Israel were in their cities.

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1 *And all the people gathered themselves together as one man*
into the Broad Place that was before the Water Gate; and
they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law

of Moses, which Jehovah had commanded to Israel. 2 *And Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the First day of the Seventh month.* 3 *And he read therein before the Broad Place that was before the Water Gate from daybreak until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were upon the Book of the Law.* 4 *And Ezra the scribe stood upon a tower of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam.* 5 *And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up;* 6 *and Ezra blessed Jehovah, the great God. And all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' with lifting up their hands; and they bowed their heads, and worshipped Jehovah with their faces to the ground.* 7 *Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law; and the people stood in their place.* 8 *So they read in the Book in the Law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.*

9 *And* Nehemiah who was *the Tirshatha, and Ezra the Priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, 'This day is holy unto Jehovah your 'God; mourn not, nor weep.' For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law.* 10 *Then he said unto them, 'Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send por-'tions unto them for whom nothing is prepared; for this day 'is holy unto our Lord. Neither be ye grieved; for joy in 'Jehovah is your strength.'* 11 *So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither 'be ye grieved.'* 12 *And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were made known unto them.*

13 And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to be made to understand the

14 words of the Law. And they found written in the Law
which Jehovah had commanded by the hand of Moses,
that *the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the Feast*
15 *of the seventh month; and that they should publish and make*
proclamation in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go
forth unto the hill country, and fetch olive branches, and
pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and
branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.
16 So the people went forth, and brought them, and made
themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house,
and in their courts, and in the courts of the House of God,
and in the broad place of the Water Gate, and in the broad
17 place of the Gate of Ephraim. And all the assembly of
them that were come again out of the captivity made
booths, and sat under the booths; for since the days of
Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children
of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.
18 Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he
read in the Book of the Law of God. And they kept the
Feast [of Tabernacles] for seven days; and on the eighth
day was a day of restraint [from work], according unto the
ordinance.

1 Now on the twenty and fourth day of this month the
children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with
2 sackcloth, and earth upon them. And the seed of Israel
separated themselves from all the sons of strangers; and
they stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of
3 their fathers. And they stood up in their place, and read
in the Book of the Law of Jehovah their God a fourth part
of the day; and a fourth part they confessed, and wor-
shipped Jehovah their God.

4 Then stood up upon the steps these of the Levites, Jeshua,
and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and
Chenani, and they cried with a loud voice unto Jehovah their
5 God. Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashab-
niah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said,
'Stand up and bless Jehovah your God from everlasting to
'everlasting; and blessed be thy glorious name, which is
6 'exalted above all blessing and praise. Thou, even thou, art
'Jehovah alone; thou hast made the heavens, the heaven
'of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things
'that are thereon, the ocean, and all that is therein, and

'thou preservest them all alive; and the host of heaven
'worshippeth thee. Thou art Jehovah God, who didst 7
'choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the
'Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham; and didst 8
'find his heart faithful before thee, and *madest a covenant*
'*with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the*
'*Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Gir-*
'*gashites, to give it to his seed;* and thou hast performed thy
'words; for thou art righteous. And thou didst see the 9
'affliction of our fathers in Lower Egypt, and heardest their
'cry by the Red sea; and shewedst signs and wonders upon 10
'Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of
'his land; for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against
'them. So didst thou make for thyself a name, as it is
'this day. And thou didst divide the sea before them, so 11
'that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry
'land; and those who pursued them thou threwest into
'the deep, as a stone into the mighty waters. Moreover 12
'thou *leddest them in the day by a pillar of cloud; and in*
'*the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light* in the way
'wherein they should go. Thou *camest down also upon* 13
'*mount Sinai*, and spakest with them from heaven, and
'gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes
'and commandments; and madest known unto them thy 14
'holy sabbath, and commandedst them commandments, sta-
'tutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant; and 15
'gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and
'broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their
'thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to
'possess the land about which thou hadst lifted up thy
'hand [in oath] that thou wouldest give it to them. But 16
'they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their
'necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments, and re- 17
'fused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that
'thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and
'in their rebellion *appointed a captain to return* to their
'bondage. But thou art a God of pardons, gracious and mer-
'ciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest
'them not. Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, 18
'and said, *This is thy God that brought thee up out of Lower*
'*Egypt*, and had wrought great provocations; yet thou in 19
'thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the desert.

'*The pillar of cloud departed not from them by day, to lead*
'*them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew*
20 '*them light*, and the way wherein they should go. Thou
'gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and with-
'holdest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them
21 'water for their thirst. Yea, for forty years didst thou sus-
'tain them in the desert, so that they lacked nothing; *their*
'*cloaks waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.*
22 'Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, and
'didst divide them unto all sides; so they possessed the
'land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and
23 'the land of Og king of Bashan. Their children also mul-
'tipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them
'into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to
24 'their fathers, that they should go in to possess it. So the
'children went in and possessed the land, and thou sub-
'duedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Ca-
'naanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their
'kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with
25 'them as they would. And they took strong cities, and a
'fat land, and possessed houses full of all good things, wells
'digged, vineyards, and oliveyards, and fruit trees in abun-
'dance; so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat,
'and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.
26 'Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against
'thee, and cast thy Law behind their backs, and slew thy
'prophets who protested against them to turn them to thee,
27 'and they wrought great provocations. Therefore thou de-
'liveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed
'them. Yet in the time of their trouble, when they cried
'unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and accord-
'ing to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours,
28 'who saved them out of the hand of their enemies. But
'when they had rest, *they did evil again before thee.* There-
'fore leftest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so
'that they had the dominion over them. Yet when they
'returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest them from
'heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them accord-
29 'ing to thy mercies. And thou didst protest against them,
'that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law. Yet
'they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy command-
'ments, but sinned against thy judgments, *(which if a man*

'*do, he shall live in them;)* and they turned a stubborn
'shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hearken.
'Yet for many years didst thou bear with them, and 30
'didst protest against them by thy spirit in the hand of
'thy prophets; yet would they not give ear. Therefore
'gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.
'Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not 31
'utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a
'gracious and merciful God.

'Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the 32
'terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all
'the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon
'us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and
'on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people,
'since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day.
'Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; 33
'for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly;
'neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our 34
'fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy command-
'ments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify
'against them. For they have not served thee in their 35
'kingdom, and in the great goodness that thou gavest them,
'and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before
'them, neither turned they from their wicked works. Be- 36
'hold, we are bond-servants this day, and as for the land
'that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof
'and the good thereof, behold, we are bond-servants in it.
'And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou 37
'hast set over us because of our sins. Also they have domi-
'nion over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure,
'and we are in great distress. And because of all this we 38
'make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes,
'Levites, and priests, have sealed it.'

NOW THOSE THAT SET THEIR SEALS were, Nehemiah, the 1
Tirshatha [or Persian governor], the son of Hachaliah,
and Zidkijah, Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, 2
Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah, Hattush, 3
Shebaniah, Malluch, Harim, Meremoth, 5
Obadiah, Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,
Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, Maaziah, 7
Bilgai, Shemaiah. These were the PRIESTS. 8

And the LEVITES; both Joshua the son of Azaniah, 9

Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;
10 And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah,
11 Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, Micha,
12 Rehob, Hashabiah, Zaccur, Sherebiah,
13 Shebaniah, Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.
14 The chief of the PEOPLE;
Parosh, the Pasha of Moab, Elam, Zatthu,
15 Bani, Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,
16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, Ater,
18 Hizkijah, Azzur, Hodijah, Hashum,
19 Bezai, Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,
20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, Meshezabeel,
22 Zadok, Jaddua, Pelatiah, Hanan,
23 Anaiah, Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub,
24 Lohesh, Pileha, Shobek, Rehum,
26 Hashabnah, Maasciah, and Ahijah,
27 Hanan, Anan, Malluch, Harim, Baanah.
28 And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the door-keepers, the singers, the Nethins, and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding;
29 they clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by the hand of Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of Jehovah our Lord,
30 and his judgments and his statutes; and that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor
31 take their daughters for our sons; and if the people of the land bring wares or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy it of them on a sabbath, or on a holy day; and that we would release the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.
32 Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a Shekel for the service of
33 the House of our God; for the ceremonial bread, and for the continual meal offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the solemn feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the
34 House of our God. And we cast the lots among the priests,

the Levites, and the people, for the gift of wood, to bring it into the House of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the Altar of Jehovah our God, as it is written in the Law [Lev. vi. 12]. And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the first- 35
fruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the House of Jehovah; also the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, 36
as it is written in the Law [Numb. xviii. 15], and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the House of our God, unto the priests that minister in the House of our God; and that we should bring the first of our dough, 37
and our heave offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, the grape juice, and the oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the House of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage. And the Priest the 38
son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes; and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the House of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house. For the children of Israel and the chil- 39
dren of Levi shall bring the heave offering of the corn, of the grape juice, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the Sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the door-keepers, and the singers; and we will not forsake the House of our God.

And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem; the 1
rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts to dwell in other cities. And the people blessed all the men, that willingly 2
offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

Now these are the chiefs of the Province [of Judea] 3
that dwelt in Jerusalem; but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, to wit, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethins, and the children of Solomon's servants. And at Jerusalem dwelt some of 4
the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin.

Of the children of Judah; Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the children of Pharez; and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, the 5
son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the

6 son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni. All the sons of
Pharez that dwelt at Jerusalem were four hundred three-
score and eight valiant men.
7 And these are the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of
Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son
of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son
8 of Jesaiah. And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred
9 twenty and eight. And Joel the son of Zichri was their
overseer; and Judah the son of Senuah was over the Second
[or Lower] city.
10 Of the Priests; Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin.
11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son
of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the
12 ruler of the House of God. And their brethren that did
the work of the House were eight hundred twenty and two;
and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the
son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the
13 son of Malchiah, and his brethren, chief of the fathers, two
hundred forty and two; and Amashai the son of Azareel,
the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of
14 Immer, and their brethren, mighty men of valour, a hun-
dred twenty and eight; and their overseer was Zabdiel, the
son of one of the great men.
15 Also of the Levites; Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the
son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;
16 and Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites,
had the oversight of the outward business of the House of
17 God. And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi,
the son of Asaph, was the principal to begin the thanks-
giving in prayer; and Bakbukiah the second among his
brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal,
18 the son of Jeduthun. All the Levites in the holy city
were two hundred fourscore and four.
19 Moreover the Door-keepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their
brethren that kept guard at the gates, were a hundred
seventy and two.
20 And the residue of Israel, of the priests, and the Levites,
were in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance.
21 But the Nethins dwelt in [the suburb] Ophel; and Ziha
and Gispa were over the Nethins.
22 The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi

the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha.

Some of the sons of Asaph, the singers, were over the business of the House of God. For it was the command 23
of the king [Artaxerxes] concerning them, that a certain portion should be for the singers, due for every day; and 24
Pethahiah the son of Meshezabeel, of the children of Zarah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

And for the villages in their fields, some of the children 25
of Judah dwelt
at the City of Arba, and in the suburbs thereof,
and at Dibon, and in the suburbs thereof,
and at Jekabzeel [or Kabzeel], and in the villages thereof,
and at Jeshua, and at Moladah, 26
and at Beth-phelet, and at the village of Shual, 27
and at Beer-sheba, and its suburbs, and at Ziklag, 28
and at Mekonah, and in the suburbs thereof,
and at Ain-rimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth, 29
Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages, 30
at Lachish, and the fields thereof,
at Azekah, and in the suburbs thereof. And they dwelt from Beer-sheba unto the valley of Hinnom.

The children also of Benjamin dwelt from Geba to Mich- 31
mash, and Aija, and Beth-el, and in their suburbs,
and at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, 32
Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim, 33
Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat, 34
Lydda, and Ono, the valley of Charashim [or the Carpenters]. 35
And of the Levites, some divisions belonging to Judah were 36
in Benjamin.

Now THESE ARE the priests and the Levites that went up 1
with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua;
Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, Amariah, 2
Malluch, Hattush, Shechaniah, Rehum, 3
Meremoth, Iddo, Ginnetho, Abijah, 4
Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah, Shemaiah, 5
and Joiarib, Jedaiah, Sallu, Amok, 7
Hilkiah, Jedaiah. These were the chief of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jeshua.

Moreover the Levites; Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Shere- 8

biah, Judah, and Mattaniah, who was over the thanks-
9 giving, he and his brethren. Also Bakbukiah and Unni,
their brethren, were over against them in keeping watch.
10 And Jeshua begat Joiakim,
Joiakim also begat Eliashib,
and Eliashib begat Joiada,
11 and Joiada begat Jonathan,
and Jonathan begat Jaddua.
12 And in the days of Joiakim were priests, the chief of the
fathers;
of Seraiah, Meraiah;—of Jeremiah, Hananiah;—
13 of Ezra, Meshullam;—of Amariah, Jehohanan;—
14 of Melicu, Jonathan;—of Shebaniah, Joseph;—
15 of Harim, Adna;—of Meraioth, Helkai;—
16 of Iddo, Zechariah;—of Ginnethon, Meshullam;—
17 of Abijah, Zichri;—of Miniamin, * * *;—
18 of Moadiah, Piltai;—of Bilgah, Shammua;—
19 of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;—and of Joiarib, Mattenai;—
20 of Jedaiah, Uzzi;—of Sallai, Kallai;—of Amok, Eber;—
21 of Hilkiah, Hashabiah;—of Jedaiah, Nethaneel.
22 The Levites the chief of the fathers were recorded in the
days of Eliashib [B.C. 445], of Joiada, and of Johanan [or
Jonathan, B.C. 360], and of Jaddua [B.C. 332]; also the
priests, until the reign of Darius [Codomanus] the Persian
23 [B.C. 335]. The sons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, were
recorded in the Book of Chronicles, even until the days of
Johanan the son of Eliashib [B.C. 360].
24 And the chief of the Levites; Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and
Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against
them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the com-
25 mand of David the man of God, ward over against ward.
Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon,
Akkub, were door-keepers keeping the ward at the store-
26 rooms of the gates. These were in the days of Joiakim the
son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehe-
miah the Pasha, and of Ezra the Priest, the scribe.

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27 And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they
sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to
Jerusalem, to keep the dedication and rejoice, both with
thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries,
28 and with harps. And the sons of the singers gathered

themselves together, both out of the Circle round about Jerusalem, and from the villages of the Netophathites; also 29
from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth; for the singers had builded them villages round about Jerusalem. And the priests and the Levites purified 30
themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall. Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the 31
wall, and appointed two great companies of them that gave thanks. One went to the right hand upon the wall toward the Dung Gate; and after them went Hoshaiah, and half 32
of the princes of Judah, and Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, 33
Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah, and 34
some of the priests' sons with trumpets; namely, Zechariah 35
the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph; and his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azarael, Milalai, 36
Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God; and Ezra the scribe before them. And at the Fountain Gate, which 37
was over against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even unto the Water Gate eastward. And the 38
other company of them that gave thanks went the opposite way, and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the Tower of the Furnaces even unto the Broad Wall; and from above the Gate of Ephraim, and 39
above the Old Gate, and above the Fish Gate, and the Tower of Hananeel, and the Tower of Meah, even unto the Sheep Gate; and they stood still in the Watchhouse Gate. So stood 40
the two companies of them that gave thanks in the House of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me; and the 41
priests; Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets; and Maaseiah, 42
and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer. Also that day they sacrificed 43
great sacrifices, and rejoiced; for God had made them rejoice with great joy. The wives also and the children rejoiced; so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

And at that time were some appointed over the chambers 44
of the treasures, of the heave offerings, of the firstfruits,

and of the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions fixed by the Law for the priests and Levites. For Judah rejoiced because of the priests and the
45 Levites that waited. And both the singers and the door-keepers kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, according to the command of David, and of
46 Solomon his son. For in the days of David and Asaph of old there had been a chief of the singers, and songs of
47 praise and thanksgiving unto God. And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the door-keepers, every day its portion; and they set apart some as holy for the Levites; and the Levites set apart some as holy for the Sons of Aaron.

1 On that day they read in the Book of Moses in the ears of the people; and therein was found written, that *the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the assembly of*
2 *God for ever; because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them; howbeit our God turned the curse into*
3 *a blessing.* And it came to pass, when they had heard the Law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed [or Arab] multitude.

4 Now before this, Eliashib the Priest, being set over the chamber of the House of our God, was allied unto Tobiah;
5 and he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they had laid the meal offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the grape juice, and the oil, which was commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the door-keepers; and the heave offer-
6 ings for the priests. But in all this time was not I at Jerusalem; for in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon [B.C. 433] I had come unto the king.

BUT AFTER CERTAIN DAYS obtained I leave of the king,
7 and I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber within
8 the courts of the House of God. And it grieved me sore. Therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out
9 of the chamber. Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers. And thither brought I again the vessels of the House of God, with the meal offering and the frankincense.
10 And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not

been given them; and the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field. Then contended 11
I with the rulers, and said, 'Why is the House of God for-
'saken?' And I gathered them together, and set them in their place. Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn 12
and the grape juice and the oil unto the treasuries. And I 13
made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah. And next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute unto their brethren.

(Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not 14
out my good deeds that I have done for the House of my God, and for the observances thereof.)

In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses 15
on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day; and I protested on the day wherein they sold victuals. There 16
dwelt men of Tyre also therein, who brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. Then I contended with the 17
nobles of Judah, and said unto them, 'What evil thing is
'this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? Did not 18
'your fathers do thus, and did not our God bring all this
'evil upon us, and upon this city? Yet ye will bring more
'wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.' And it came 19
to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut, and I commanded that they should not be opened till after the sabbath; and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day. So the merchants and sellers of all kind of 20
wares lodged for the night outside Jerusalem once or twice. Then I protested against them, and said unto them, 'Why 21
'lodge ye over against the wall? If ye do so again, I will
'lay hands on you.' From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath. And I commanded the Levites that 22
they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day.

(Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy kindness.)

23 In those days also saw I Jews that had taken to dwell
24 with them wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab; and their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and did not know how to speak in the Jewish language, but accor-
25 ding to the language of each people. And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, [saying,] 'Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, 'nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves.
26 'Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Yet 'among many nations was there no king like him, who was 'beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel. 'Nevertheless even him did foreign women cause to sin.
27 'Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, 'to transgress against our God in taking foreign wives to
28 'dwell with you?' And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, had married a daughter of Sanballat the Horonite. Therefore I chased him from me.
29 (Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites.)
30 Thus cleansed I them from all foreigners, and appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, every one on his
31 work; and for the Gift of wood, at the times appointed, and for the firstfruits.

(Remember me, O my God, for good.)

THE BOOK OF ESTHER.

1 NOW IT CAME TO PASS in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus [or Xerxes I.] who reigned from India even unto Ethiopia, over a hundred and seven and twenty
2 provinces;) that in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Susa the
3 royal city, in the third year of his reign [B.C. 483], he made a drinking feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes
4 of the provinces, being before him; when he shewed the glorious riches of his kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty for many days, even a hundred and fourscore
5 days. And at the end of these days, the king made a

drinking feast of seven days unto all the people that were present in Susa the royal city, both unto great and small, in the court of the garden of the king's palace; [tents of] 6
white linen, of calico, and of blue, were fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble; the couches were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of porphyry, and white marble, and mother of pearl, and black marble. And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the 7
vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the state of a king. And the 8
drinking was according to the law; none did compel. For so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that every man should do according to his own pleasure. Also Vashti the queen made a drinking feast for the women 9
in the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus.

On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was 10
merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king, to bring Vashti the queen before the king with the 11
crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty; for she was fair to look on. But the queen Vashti refused 12
to come at the king's command, which was by the hand of his chamberlains. Therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him. And the king said to the wise 13
men, who knew the times, (for so was the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment; and the next unto 14
him was Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, who saw the king's face, and who sat the first in the kingdom;) 'What should be done unto the queen 15
'Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed 'the command of the king Ahasuerus by the hand of the 'chamberlains?' And Memucan answered before the king 16
and the princes, 'Vashti the queen hath not done wrong 'to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the 'people that are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus. 'For this deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all 17
'women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their 'eyes, when they are told that the king Ahasuerus com-'manded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but 'she came not. Thus will the ladies of Persia and Media 18

'say this day unto all the king's princes, who have heard
'of the deed of the queen. Thus there will be too much
18 'contempt and wrath. If it please the king, let there go
'a royal command from him, and let it be written among
'the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not
'altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus;
'and let the king give her royal estate unto one of her
20 'companions that is better than she. And when the king's
'decree which he shall make shall be heard throughout all
'his kingdom, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to
'their husbands honour, both to great and small.'

21 And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and
22 the king did according to the word of Memucan. And he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to its way of writing, and to every people according to their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that it should be published according to the language of every people.

1 After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what she had
2 done, and what was decreed against her. Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, 'Let there be fair
3 'young maidens sought for the king; and let the king 'appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that 'they may gather together all the fair young maidens unto 'Susa the royal city, to the house of the women, unto the 'custody of Hege the king's chamberlain, the keeper of 'the women; and let their things for purification be given
4 'them; and let the young woman who pleaseth the king 'be queen instead of Vashti.' And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

5 Now in Susa the royal city there was a certain Jew, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shi-
6 mei, the son of Kish, a Jaminite [or Benjamite]; who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away.
7 And he was nursing a Myrtle-branch, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter; for she had neither father nor mother, and the young woman was beautiful of form and fair; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for
8 his own daughter. So it came to pass, when the king's

command and his decree was heard, and when many young women were gathered together unto Susa the royal city, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women. And the young woman pleased him, and she obtained kindness from him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with her portions of food, and seven of the young women out of the king's house who were meet to be given her; and he changed her and her young women unto the best place of the house of the women. Esther had not shewed her people nor her kindred; for Mordecai had charged her that she should not shew it. And Mordecai walked up and down every day before the court of the women's house, to know the welfare of Esther, and what should become of her.

Now when every young woman's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for thus were the days of their purifications accomplished, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with the things for the purifying of the women;) then thus came the young woman unto the king; whatsoever she asked for was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house. In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, who kept the concubines. She came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name.

Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her. So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his royal house in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign [B.C. 479]. And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the maidens; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti. Then the king made a great drinking feast unto all his

princes and his servants, even Esther's drinking feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of a king.

19 And when the maidens were gathered together the second
20 time, then Mordecai sat at the king's gate. Esther had not yet shewed her kindred nor her people, as Mordecai had charged her; for Esther did the command of Mordecai,
21 like as when she was being brought up by him. In those days, while Mordecai sat at the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those who kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king
22 Ahasuerus. And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told it unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king
23 thereof in Mordecai's name. And when the matter was sought, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree; and it was written in the Book of the Chronicles before the king.

1 After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Medatha the Agagite [or Amalekite], and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were
2 with him. And all the king's servants, that were at the king's gate, bowed, and worshipped Haman; for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed
3 not, nor worshipped him. Then the king's servants, who were at the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, 'Why trans-
4 'gressest thou the king's command?' Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand; for he had told them that he was
5 a Jew. And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not,
6 nor worshipped him, then was Haman full of wrath. But he scorned to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai. Wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai.

7 In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus [B.C. 474], they cast Pur, that is, the [divining] lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar.

8 And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, 'There is a cer-
'tain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the

'nations in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their
'laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the
'king's laws; therefore it is not for the king's profit to
'suffer them. If it please the king, let it be written that
'they may be destroyed; and I will pay ten thousand Kikars
'[or hundred weights] of silver into the hands of those that
'have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's
'treasuries.' And the king took his ring from his hand, 1
and gave it unto Haman the son of Medatha the Agag-
ite, the Jews' enemy. And the king said unto Haman, 'The 1
'silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them
'as it seemeth good to thee.' Then were the king's scribes 1
called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there
was written according to all that Haman had commanded
unto the king's Satraps, and to the Pashas that were over
every province, and to the rulers of every people of every
province according to its own way of writing, and to every
people according to their own language; in the name of
king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's
ring. And the letters were sent by the hands of runners 1
into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause
to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and
women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the
twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the
spoil of them for a prey. The copy of the writing to be 1
given for a law in every province was published unto all
people, that they should be ready against that day. The 1
runners went out, being hastened by the king's command,
and the law was given in Susa the royal city. And the
king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city of Susa
was disturbed.

When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai 1
rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went
out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a
bitter cry; and came even before the king's gate; for none 2
might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.
And in every province, whithersoever the king's command 3
and his decree came, there was great mourning among the
Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and beating the breast;
and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told 4
it her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she

sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sack-
5 cloth from him; but he received it not. Then called Esther
for Hatach, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had
appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a command to
6 Mordecai, to know what it was, and why it was. So Hatach
went forth to Mordecai unto the broad place of the city,
7 which was before the king's gate. And Mordecai told him
of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of silver
that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries
8 for the Jews, to destroy them. Also he gave him a copy of
the writing of the decree that was given at Susa to destroy
them, to shew it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her,
and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to
make supplication unto him, and to make request before
9 him for her people. And Hatach came and told Esther the
words of Mordecai.

10 Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him com-
11 mand unto Mordecai; 'All the king's servants, and the
'people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever,
'whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the
'inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put
'him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold
'out the golden sceptre, that he may live. And I have not
'been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.'
12 And they told to Mordecai Esther's words. Then Mordecai
13 commanded to answer Esther, 'Think not with thyself that
14 'the king's house will escape more than all the Jews. For
'if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then will
'there breathing and deliverance arise to the Jews from
'another place; but thou and thy father's house will be
'destroyed. And who knoweth whether thou art not come
15 'to the state of queen for such a time as this?' Then Esther
16 bade them to answer Mordecai, 'Go, gather together all
'the Jews that are present in Susa, and fast ye for me, and
'neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day; I also
'and my young women will fast likewise; and so will I go in
'unto the king, which is not according to the law. And
17 'if I perish, I perish.' So Mordecai went his way, and
did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

1 Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put
on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the
king's house, in front of the king's house; and the king sat

upon his royal throne in the royal house, in front of the door of the house. And it was so, when the king saw 2
Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight. And the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre. Then said the king 3
unto her, 'What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy 'request? It shall be even given to thee to the half of the 'kingdom.' And Esther answered, 'If it seem good unto 4
'the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the 'drinking feast that I have prepared for him.' Then the 5
king said, 'Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as 'Esther hath said.'

So the king and Haman came to the drinking feast that Esther had prepared. And the king said unto Esther 6
while drinking the wine, 'What is thy petition? and it 'shall be granted to thee. And what is thy request? even 'to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed.' Then 7
answered Esther, and said, 'My petition and my request 'is; if I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if 8
'it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my 'request, let the king and Haman come to the drinking 'feast that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to-morrow 'as the king hath said.'

Then went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad 9
heart. But when Haman saw Mordecai at the king's gate, that he rose not up, nor moved for him, Haman was full
of indignation against Mordecai. Nevertheless Haman re- 10
frained himself; and when he came home, he sent and called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife. And Haman 11
recounted to them the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had raised him above the princes and servants of the king. Haman said moreover, 12
'Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the 'king unto the drinking feast that she had prepared but 'myself; and to-morrow also am I invited unto her with the 'king. Yet all this profiteth me nothing, so long as I see 13
'Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate.' Then said 14
Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, 'Let a pole be 'made of fifty cubits high, and in the morning speak thou 'unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon. Then

'go thou in joyfully with the king unto the drinking feast.' And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the pole to be made.

1 On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles.
2 And they were read before the king. And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door,
3 who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. And the king said, 'What honour and dignity hath been done to 'Mordecai for this?' Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, 'There hath been nothing done for
4 'him.' And the king said, 'Who is in the court?' Now Haman was come into the outer court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the pole that
5 he had prepared for him. And the king's servants said unto him, 'Behold, Haman standeth in the court.' And
6 the king said, 'Let him come in.' So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, 'What shall be done unto the 'man whom the king delighteth to honour?' Now Haman said in his heart, 'To whom would the king delight to do
7 'honour more than to myself?' And Haman answered the king, 'For the man whom the king delighteth to honour,
8 'let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to 'wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the
9 'crown royal which is set upon his head; and let this apparel 'and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's 'most noble princes, that they may array the man with 'whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on 'horseback into the broad place of the city, and proclaim 'before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the
10 'king delighteth to honour.' Then the king said to Haman, 'Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou 'hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth 'at the king's gate. Let nothing fail of all that thou hast
11 'spoken.' Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback into the broad place of the city, and proclaimed before him, 'Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king de-
12 'lighteth to honour.' And Mordecai came again to the king's gate.

Then Haman hastened to his house mourning, and having

his head covered. And Haman related to Zeresh his wife 13
and all his friends every thing that had befallen him. Then
said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, 'If Mor-
'decai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast
'begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt
'surely fall before him.' And while they were yet talking 14
with him, came the king's chamberlains, and hastened to
bring Haman unto the drinking feast that Esther had pre-
pared.

So the king and Haman came to drink with Esther the 1
queen. And the king said again unto Esther on the second 2
day while drinking the wine, 'What is thy petition, queen
'Esther? and it shall be granted thee. And what is thy
'request? and it shall be performed, even to the half of the
'kingdom.' Then Esther the queen answered and said, 3
'If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please
'the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my
'people at my request; for we are sold, I and my people, 4
'to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. And if we
'had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held
'my tongue, because the enemy would not profit by the
'king's loss.' Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said 5
unto Esther the queen, 'Who is he, and where is he, whose
'heart hath puffed him up to do so?' And Esther said, 6
'The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman.' Then
Haman was afraid before the king and the queen.

Then the king arose in his wrath from drinking the 7
wine, and went into the palace garden; and Haman stood
up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he
saw that there was evil determined against him by the
king. Then the king returned out of the palace garden 8
into the house of the wine-drinking; and Haman was fallen
upon the couch whereon Esther was. Then said the king,
'Will he force the queen also before me in the house?'
As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered
Haman's face. And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, 9
said before the king, 'Behold also, the pole fifty cubits high,
'which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken
'good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman.' Then
the king said, 'Hang him thereon.' So they hanged Haman 10
on the pole that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was
the king's wrath pacified.

1 On that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of
Haman the Jews' enemy unto Esther the queen. And
Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what
2 he was unto her. And the king took off his ring, which
he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai.
And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.
3 And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down
at his feet, and wept, and besought him to put away the
mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had
4 devised against the Jews. Then the king held out the
golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood
5 before the king, and she said, 'If it please the king, and if
'I have found favour in his sight, and the thing seem to be
'right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let it
'be written to reverse the letters devised by Haman the
'son of Medatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy
6 'the Jews that are in all the king's provinces. For how
'can I endure to look upon the evil that shall come unto my
'people? or how can I endure to look upon the destruction
7 'of my kindred?' Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther
the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, 'Behold, I have given
'to Esther the house of Haman; and him they have hanged
'upon the pole, because he laid his hand upon the Jews.
8 'Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's
'name, and seal it with the king's ring.' For the writing
which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the
king's ring, may no man reverse.
9 Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the
third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the three and
twentieth day thereof; and it was written according to all
that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the Satraps,
and the Pashas and rulers of the provinces which are from
India unto Ethiopia, a hundred twenty and seven pro-
vinces, unto every province according to its own way of
writing, and unto every people according to their own lan-
guage, and to the Jews according to their writing, and
10 according to their language. And he wrote in the king
Ahasuerus' name, and sealed it with the king's ring, and
sent letters by the hand of runners on horseback, and riders
11 on dromedaries and mules the offspring of mares; wherein
the king granted the Jews that were in every city to
assemble together, and to stand for their life, to destroy,

to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, their little ones or women, or to take the spoil of them for a prey, upon one 12
day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, namely, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar. The copy of the writing to be given for a decree 13
in every province was published unto all people, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

So the runners that rode upon dromedaries and mules 14
went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's command. And the decree was given at Susa the royal city. And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king 15
in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a robe of fine linen and purple; and the city of Susa shouted and was glad. The Jews had light, 16
and gladness, and joy, and honour. And in every province, 17
and in every city, whithersoever the king's command and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a drinking feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, on 1
the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's command and his decree drew near to be put in execution, on the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them,) the Jews were as- 2
sembled in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt. And no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people. And all the rulers of the provinces, 3
and the Satraps, and the Pashas, and those who did the business of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them. For Mordecai was great in the 4
king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces; for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater. Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of 5
the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them. And in Susa the 6
royal city the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men.
And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha, 7
and Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha, 8

9 and Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai,
10 and Vajezatha,—the ten sons of Haman the son of Medatha, the enemy of the Jews, slew they; but on the spoil laid they not their hand.
11 On that day the number of those that were slain in Susa
12 the royal city was brought before the king. And the king said unto Esther the queen, 'The Jews have slain and de-'stroyed five hundred men in Susa the royal city, and the 'ten sons of Haman. What have they done in the rest of 'the king's provinces? And what is thy petition? and it 'shall be granted thee. And what is thy request further?
13 'and it shall be done.' Then said Esther, 'If it please the 'king, let it be granted to the Jews who are in Susa to do 'to-morrow also according unto this day's decree, and let
14 'Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the pole.' And the king commanded it so to be done. And the decree was
15 given at Susa; and they hanged Haman's ten sons. For the Jews that were in Susa assembled together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men at Susa; but on the prey they laid not their hand.
16 And the other Jews that were in the king's provinces assembled together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes seventy and five
17 thousand, (but they laid not their hands on the prey,) on the thirteenth day of the month Adar. And on the fourteenth day of the same rested they, and made it a day of
18 feasting and gladness. But the Jews that were at Susa assembled together on the thirteenth day thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.
19 Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the towns of the country, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar a day of gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.
20 And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that were in all the provinces of the king
21 Ahasuerus, both nigh and far, to establish this among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month
22 Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly, as the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from

mourning into a good day; that they should make them
days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to
another, and gifts to the poor. And the Jews undertook 23
to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written unto
them; because Haman the son of Medatha, the Agagite, 24
the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to
destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the [divining] lot,
to crush them, and to destroy them; but when [Esther] 25
came before the king, he commanded by letters that his
wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, should
return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should
be hanged on the pole. Wherefore they called these days 26
Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore for all the words
of this royal letter, and of that which they had seen con-
cerning this matter, and which had come unto them, the 27
Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed,
and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as
it should not fail, that they would keep these two days ac-
cording to their writing, and according to their appointed
time every year; and that these days should be remembered 28
and kept throughout every generation, every family, every
province, and every city; and that these days of Purim
should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial
of them perish from their seed.

Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and 29
Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority, to confirm this
second royal letter of Purim. And he sent the letters unto 30
all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces
of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and
truth, to confirm these days of Purim in their appointed 31
times, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen
had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves
and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry.
And the command of Esther confirmed these matters of 32
Purim; and it was written in a book.

And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, 1
and upon the isles of the sea. And all the acts of his 2
power and of his might, and the declaration of the great-
ness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, are
they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings
of Media and Persia? For Mordecai the Jew was next 3

unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted by the multitude of his brethren, seeking the good of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

THE BOOK OF JOB.

1 THERE WAS A MAN in the land of Uz, whose name was Job [or the Persecuted]; and that man was honest and upright, and one that feared God, and turned aside from
2 evil. And there were born unto him seven sons and three
3 daughters. His substance also was seven thousand sheep and goats, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and very many servants; so that this man was the greatest of all the sons
4 of the East. And his sons went and made a drinking feast in their houses, every one on his day; and they sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.
5 And it was so, as the days of the feasting went round, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, 'It may be that my sons 'have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.' Thus did Job continually.

6 Now there was a day when the ~~sons of God~~ came to present themselves before Jehovah, and Satan [or the Accuser]
7 came also among them. And Jehovah said unto Satan, 'Whence comest thou?' Then Satan answered Jehovah, and said, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from
8 'walking up and down on it.' And Jehovah said unto Satan, 'Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there 'is none like him on the earth, an honest and an upright 'man, one that feareth God, and turneth aside from evil?'
9 Then Satan answered Jehovah, and said, 'Doth Job fear
10 'God for nought? Hast not thou made a hedge about him, 'and about his house, and about all that he hath on every 'side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his
11 'substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine 'hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse
12 'thee to thy face.' And Jehovah said unto Satan, 'Behold, 'all that he hath is in thine hand; only put not forth thine

'hand upon himself.' So Satan went forth from the presence of Jehovah.

And there was a day when his sons and his daughters 13
were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's
house; and there came a messenger unto Job, and said, 14
'The oxen were plowing, and the she asses feeding beside
'them; and the men of Sheba fell upon them, and took 15
'them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the
'edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell
'thee.'

While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and 16
said, 'The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath
'burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed
'them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.'

While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and 17
said, 'The Chaldeans made out three bands, and rushed
'upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and
'slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only
'am escaped alone to tell thee.'

While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and 18
said, 'Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking
'wine in their eldest brother's house; and, behold, there 19
'came a great wind from the desert, and it smote the four
'corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and
'they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.'

Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, 20
and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, and said, 21
'Naked came I out of my mother's womb,
'And naked shall I return thither.
'Jehovah gave, and Jehovah hath taken away;
'Blessed be the name of Jehovah.'
In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly. 22

Again there was a day when the sons of God came to 1
present themselves before Jehovah, and Satan came also
among them to present himself before Jehovah. And Jeho- 2
vah said unto Satan, 'From whence comest thou?' And
Satan answered Jehovah, and said, 'From going to and fro
'on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' And 3
Jehovah said unto Satan, 'Hast thou considered my servant
'Job, that there is none like him on the earth, an honest
'and an upright man, one that feareth God, and turneth

'aside from evil? And still he holdeth fast his honesty,
'although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him
4 'without cause.' And Satan answered Jehovah, and said,
'Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for
5 'his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his
'bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.'
6 And Jehovah said unto Satan, 'Behold, he is in thine hand;
'only save his life.'
7 So went Satan forth from the presence of Jehovah, and
smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto the
crown of his head.
8 Then he took him a potsherd to scrape himself with; and
9 he sat down among the ashes. And his wife said unto him,
'Dost thou still hold fast thine ~~honesty~~? Curse God, and
10 'die.' But he said unto her, 'Thou speakest as one of the
'foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at
'the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?' In all
this did not Job sin with his lips.
11 Now three of Job's friends heard of all this evil that was
come upon him, and they came every one from his own
place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and
Zophar the Naamathite; for they had agreed together to
12 come to mourn with him and to comfort him. And when
they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they
lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one
his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward
13 heaven. So they sat down with him upon the ground for
seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto
him; for they saw that his grief was very great.

1 After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his [birth]
2 day. And Job spake, and said,
3 Let the day perish wherein I was born,
And the night which said, 'A man child is conceived.'
4 Let that day be darkness;
Let not God regard it from above,
Neither let the light shine upon it.
5 Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it;
Let a cloud dwell upon it;
Let the blackness of the day terrify it.
6 As for that night, let darkness seize upon it;
Let it not be joined unto the days of the year,
Let it not come into the number of the months.

Lo, let that night be barren,
Let no joyful voice come therein.
Let the day-cursers curse it,
Those who are ready to rouse the crocodile.
Let the stars of its morning twilight be darkened;
Let it look for light, but have none;
Neither let it see the eyelids of the dawn;
Because it closed not the doors of my mother's womb,
So as to hide sorrow from mine eyes.
Why did I not die from the womb?
And give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?
Why were the knees ready for me?
Or why the breasts that I should suck?
For now should I have lain down and been quiet;
I should have slept; then had I been at rest,
With kings and counsellors of the earth,
Who build desert places for themselves;
Or with princes that had gold,
Who filled their houses with silver;
Or as a hidden untimely birth I had not been;
As infants that never saw the light.
There the wicked cease from troubling;
And there the wearied in their strength are at rest.
There the prisoners rest together;
They hear not the voice of the taskmaster.
The small and great are there;
And the bond-servant is free from his master.
Why is light given unto him that is in misery,
And life unto those that are bitter in soul;
Who long for death, but it cometh not;
And dig for it more than for hidden treasures;
Who would rejoice even unto delight,
And would be glad, if they could find the grave;
Why unto a man whose way is hidden,
And whom God hath hedged in from behind?
For my sighing cometh before my food,
And my roarings are poured out like the waters.
For the fear which I feared is come upon me,
And that which I dreaded is come unto me.
I was not in safety, neither had I rest,
Neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

Then ELIPHAZ the Temanite ANSWERED and said,

2 If we venture a word with thee, wilt thou be weary?
But who can put restraint upon his words?
3 Behold, thou hast instructed many,
And thou hast strengthened the weak hands.
4 Thy words have upholden him that was stumbling,
And thou hast strengthened the feeble knees.
5 But now it is come upon thee, and thou art weary;
It toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.
6 Is not thy pious fear a confidence to thee,
A hope to thee, even the honesty of thy ways?
7 Remember, now, who ever perished when innocent?
Or where have the righteous been cut off?
8 But I have seen, they that plow iniquity,
And they that sow trouble, reap the same.
9 By the blast of God they perish;
And by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed.
10 The roar of the lion, and the voice of the black lion,
And the teeth of the young lions, are broken.
11 The old lion perisheth for lack of prey,
And the whelps of the lioness are scattered abroad.
12 Now a word was secretly brought to me,
And mine ear received the whisper thereof.
13 In thoughts from the visions of the night,
When deep sleep falleth on men,
14 Fear came upon me, and trembling,
Which made all my bones to shake.
15 Then a Spirit passed before my face;
The hair of my flesh stood up;
16 It stood, but I could not discern its form;
An image was before mine eyes,
There was silence, and I heard a voice, [saying,]
17 'Shall mortal man be more just than God?
'Shall a man be more pure than his Maker?'
18 Behold, he putteth no trust in his servants;
And his angels he chargeth with folly;
19 How much more them that dwell in houses of clay,
Whose foundation is in the dust,
Who are crushed before the moth?
20 They are destroyed between morning and evening;
They perish wholly without any one regarding it.
21 Is not the excellence that was in them taken away?
They die, even without wisdom.

Call now; is there any one that will answer thee? 1
And to which of the holy ones wilt thou turn?
For vexation killeth the foolish man, 2
And envy slayeth the silly one.
I have seen the foolish man taking root; 3
But suddenly I declared his habitation accursed.
His children are far from safety, 4
Or crushed at the city gate, without a deliverer.
Their harvest the hungry man eateth up, 5
And taketh it even out of the thorn-hedge;
And destruction swalloweth up their substance.
Though affliction cometh not forth from the dust, 6
Neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;
Yet man is born unto trouble, 7
As the sparks from the fire fly upward.
Truly I would seek unto God, 8
And unto God would I commit my cause.
He doeth great things and unsearchable; 9
Marvellous things even without number.
He giveth rain upon the face of the earth, 10
And sendeth waters upon the face of the fields;
To set up on high those that are low; 11
That those that mourn may be raised up into safety.
He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, 12
So that their hands cannot perform their wise plans.
He taketh the wise in their own craftiness; 13
And the counsel of the froward is thrown headlong.
They meet with darkness in the daytime, 14
And they grope in the noonday as in the night.
But he saveth the desolate from their mouth, 15
And the poor man from the hand of the mighty.
So that the poor man may have hope; 16
And iniquity shutteth her mouth.
Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth; 17
And despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty;
For He maketh sore, and He bindeth up; 18
He woundeth, and His hands make whole.
He will deliver thee in six troubles; 19
Yea, in seven there will no evil touch thee.
In famine He will redeem thee from death; 20
And in war from the power of the sword.
Thou shalt be hidden from the scourge of the tongue; 21

And shalt not be afraid of violence when it cometh.
22 At violence and famine thou shalt laugh;
And shalt not be afraid of the beasts of the earth.
23 For thy league shall be with the stones of the field;
And the wild beasts of the field will be at peace with thee.
24 And thou shalt know that thy tent will be in peace;
And shalt visit thy cattle-stall, and not miss any thing.
25 Thou shalt know also that thy seed will be many,
And thine offspring as the grass of the earth.
26 Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age,
Like as a shock of corn standeth up in its season.
27 Lo this, we have searched it out, so it is;
Hear it, and know thou it for thyself.

1 But JOB ANSWERED and said,
2 Oh that my grief were thoroughly weighed,
And my calamity laid in the balances together!
3 For now it is heavier than the sand of the sea;
Therefore my words are swallowed up.
4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me,
The poison whereof drinketh up my spirit;
The terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.
5 Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass?
Or loweth the ox over his fodder?
6 Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt?
Or is there any taste in the white of an egg?
7 My soul refuseth to touch them,
They are as sickening food to me.
8 Oh that I might have the fruit of my request;
And that God would grant me the thing that I long for!
9 Even that it would please God to destroy me;
That he would let loose his hand, and cut me off!
10 Then should I yet have comfort;
Yea, I would rejoice in the sorrow which he spareth not;
For I have not neglected the words of the Holy One.
11 What is my strength, that I should hope?
And what is mine end, that I should prolong my life?
12 Is my strength the strength of stones?
Or is my flesh of copper?
13 Or rather am I not without help?
And is safe counsel driven quite from me?
14 As for him that withholdeth pity from his friend,
Even he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.

My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook; 15
And they pass away as the stream of brooks,
Which are blackish by reason of the ice, 16
And wherein the snow is hid;
In time they wax warm, they vanish; 17
When it is hot, they are consumed out of their place;
Travelling companies turn aside from their way, 18
They go into the waste, and perish.
The travelling companies of Tema looked, 19
The troops of Sheba waited for them.
They were confounded because they had hoped; 20
They came thither, and were disappointed.
For now ye are become thus, 21
Ye see my casting down, and are afraid.
Did I indeed say, 'Bring unto me'? 22
Or, 'Give a reward for me of your substance'?
Or, 'Deliver me from the enemy's hand'? 23
Or, 'Redeem me from the hand of those who terrify'?
Teach me, and I will hold my tongue; 24
And cause me to understand wherein I have erred.
How forcible are right words! 25
But what doth your arguing confute?
Do ye imagine to confute with words? 26
And the speeches of one that is desperate are as wind.
Yea, ye cast [a net] for the fatherless, 27
And ye dig [a pitfall] for your friend.
Now therefore may it please you to look upon me; 28
For it will be evident unto you if I lie.
Return, I pray you, let there be no injustice; 29
Yea, return, my righteousness is yet in it.
Is there injustice on my tongue? 30
Cannot my palate discern perverse things?
Is there not ~~a warfare~~ appointed to man upon earth? 1
And are not his days like the days of a hireling?
As a servant panteth for the shade, 2
And as a hireling looketh for his wages;
So am I made to inherit months of ~~vanity~~, 3
And ~~wearisome~~ nights are numbered to me.
When I lie down, I say, 'When shall I arise, and the night 4
be fled?'
And I am full of tossings to and fro until the dawning of
the day.

5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust;
My skin is broken, and become loathsome.
6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,
And are spent without hope.
7 O remember that my life is but wind;
Mine eye will no more see good.
8 The eye of him that hath seen me will behold me no more.
Thine eyes are upon me, and I am not.
9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away;
So he that goeth down to the grave will come up no more.
10 He will return no more to his house,
Neither will his place know him any more.
11 Therefore I will not refrain my mouth;
I will speak in the anguish of my spirit;
I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
12 Am I a sea, or a dragon, that Thou settest a watch over me?
13 When I say, 'My bed shall comfort me,
'My couch shall ease my complainings;'
14 Then thou scarest me with dreams,
And terrifiest me through visions;
15 So that my soul chooseth strangling,
And death rather than these my bones.
16 I loathe it; I would not live always;
Let me alone; for my days are vanity.
17 What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him?
And that thou shouldest set thy mind upon him?
18 And that thou shouldest visit him every morning,
And try him every moment?
19 How long wilt thou not look away from me,
Nor let me alone while I swallow down my spittle?
20 I have sinned; what can I do unto thee,
O thou preserver of men?
Why hast thou set me as a mark for thee,
So that I am a burden to myself?
21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression,
And take away mine iniquity?
For now I lie down in the dust;
And thou wilt seek me betimes, but I shall not be.

1 Then BILDAD the Shuhite ANSWERED, and said,
2 How long wilt thou speak these things?
And the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind?

Doth God pervert judgment? 3
Or doth the Almighty pervert justice?
If thy children have sinned against him, 4
And he have given them up into the power of their transgression;
If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, 5
And make thy supplication to the Almighty;
If thou wert pure and upright; 6
Surely now he would awake unto thee,
And make thy righteous habitation prosperous.
Though thy beginning was small, 7
Yet thy latter end would greatly increase.
For inquire, I pray thee, of the former age, 8
And prepare thyself to the search of their fathers;
(For we are of yesterday, and know nothing, 9
Because our days upon earth are a shadow;)
Will not they teach thee, and tell thee, 10
And utter words out of their heart?
Can the rush grow up without mire? 11
Can the flag grow without water?
Whilst it is yet fresh, and not cut down, 12
It withereth before any other herb.
So are the paths of all that forget God; 13
And the hope of the ungodly will perish;
Whose hope will be cut off, 14
And whose trust will be as a spider's web.
He will lean upon his house, but it will not stand; 15
He will hold it fast, but it will not endure.
He is full of sap before the sun, 16
And his branch shooteth forth in his garden.
His roots wrap themselves about the heap of ruins, 17
And he seeth the house of stones.
If He destroy him from his place, 18
Then it will deny him, [saying,] 'I have not seen thee.'
Behold, this is the joy of his way, 19
And out of his dust will others grow.
Behold, God will not cast away an honest man, 20
Neither will he take the evil doers by the hand;
He will yet fill thy mouth with laughing, 21
And thy lips with shouting for joy.
They that hate thee will be clothed with shame; 22
And the tent of the wicked will come to nought.

1 Then JOB ANSWERED and said,
2 I know that it is so of a truth;
But how can man be justified with God?
3 If he wisheth to plead with him,
He cannot answer him as to one of a thousand.
4 He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength.
Who is stubborn against him, and prospereth?
5 It is He who removeth mountains, and they know not;
Who overturneth them in his anger.
6 Who shaketh the earth out of her place,
And the pillars thereof tremble.
7 Who commandeth the sun, and it riseth not;
And setteth a seal upon the stars.
8 Who alone spreadeth out the heavens,
And treadeth upon the high waves of the sea.
9 Who maketh the Great Bear, Orion,
And the Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.
10 Who doeth great things past finding out;
Yea, and wonders that cannot be numbered.
11 Lo, he cometh against me, and I see him not;
And he pierceth me, but I perceive him not.
12 Behold, he taketh away, who can make him restore?
Who shall say unto him, 'What doest thou?'
13 If God will not withdraw his anger,
The proud helpers do stoop under him.
14 How much less shall I answer him,
Even should I choose out my words with him!
15 Whom, if I were righteous, I would not answer,
But I would make supplication to my Judge.
16 If I had called, and he had answered me;
I could not believe he had hearkened to my voice.
17 For he riseth against me with a tempest,
And multiplieth my wounds without cause.
18 He will not suffer me to take my breath,
But filleth me with bitterness.
19 If [I would strive] by strength, lo, he is strong;
And if by pleading, who will appoint me a time?
20 If I justify myself, my own mouth will condemn me;
If I say, I am honest, it will also prove me perverse.
21 I am honest; do I not know my soul?
Shall I deny my own life?
22 This is one thing, therefore I said it,

He destroyeth both the honest and the wicked.
If the scourge slay the simple ones, 23
He laugheth at the misfortunes of the innocent.
The earth is given into the hand of the wicked; 24
He covereth the faces of the judges thereof;
If now it be not he, who is it?
Now my days are swifter than a runner; 25
They flee away, they see no good.
They pass away as ships of reeds; 26
As the eagle darteth on its food.
If I say, 'I will forget my complaining, 27
'I will leave off my countenance, and I will be cheerful;'
I am afraid of all my sorrows, 28
I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.
I shall be held wicked; 29
Why then should I labour in vain?
If I wash myself with snow water, 30
And make my hands clean with soap;
Yet wilt thou plunge me in the ditch, 31
And mine own clothes will abhor me.
For He is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, 32
And that we should come together in judgment.
Neither is there any umpire betwixt us, 33
That might lay his hand upon us both.
Let Him take his rod away from me, 34
And let not the fear of him terrify me;
Then will I speak, and not fear him, 35
When it is not so with me.
My soul is weary of my life; 1
I will leave my complainings upon myself;
I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; 2
Shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.
Is it good for thee to oppress, 3
To despise the labour of thine hands,
And to shine upon the counsel of the wicked?
Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth? 4
Are thy days as the days of man? 5
Are thy years as man's days,
That thou inquirest after mine iniquity, 6
And searchest after my sin?
Thou knowest that I am not wicked; 7

But there is none that can deliver out of thine hand.
8 Thine hands made me and fashioned me
Together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.
9 Remember, I pray, that thou madest me as the clay;
And wilt thou bring me into dust again?
10 Didst not thou pour me out as milk,
And make me solid like cheese?
11 Thou didst clothe me with skin and flesh,
And didst fence me with bones and sinews.
12 Thou didst grant me life and favour,
And thy watchfulness preserveth my spirit.
13 And these things hast thou hid in thine heart;
I know that this is with thee.
14 If I had sinned, then thou hadst marked me,
And thou wouldest not acquit me from mine iniquity.
15 If I had been wicked, woe unto me;
But I am righteous, yet I cannot lift up my head.
I am full of confusion; see mine affliction;
16 And is it glorious for thee to hunt me as a lion?
And again thou shewest thyself marvellous upon me.
17 Thou renewest thy witnesses against me,
And increasest thine indignation upon me;
Changes and warfare are against me.
18 Why then didst thou bring me forth from the womb?
Oh that I had died, and no eye had seen me!
19 I should be as though I had not been,
Had I been carried from the womb to the grave.
20 Are not my days few? cease then;
Let me alone, that I may be cheerful a little,
21 Before I go whence I shall not return,
To the land of darkness and the shadow of death;
22 A land of darkness, as thickest darkness;
Of the shadow of death, and without order,
And where the light is as thickest darkness.

1 Then ZOPHAR the Naamathite ANSWERED and said,
2 Shall not a multitude of words be answered?
And shall a man full of talk be justified?
3 Should thy lies make men hold their peace?
And shalt thou mock, and none make thee ashamed?
4 For thou sayest, 'My doctrine is pure,
'And I am clean in thine eyes.'
5 But oh that God would speak,

And open his lips against thee,
And shew thee the secrets of wisdom, 6
For his counsel is manifold!
Know then that God forgiveth thee some of thy sins.
Canst thou by searching find out God? 7
Canst thou find out the Almighty to perfection?
It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? 8
Deeper than hell; what canst thou know?
The measure thereof is longer than the earth, 9
And broader than the sea.
If he assail, and shut up, and call to judgment, 10
Then who can hinder him?
For he knoweth vain men; 11
He seeth iniquity also; and will he not consider it?
For empty man may become wise, 12
When the wild ass's colt is born a man.
If thou wilt prepare thine heart, 13
And stretch out thine hands toward him;
If thou put away iniquity in thine hand, 14
And let not wickedness dwell in thy tents;
Surely then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; 15
Yea, thou shalt be steadfast, and shalt not fear;
Because thou shalt forget thy misery, 16
Or remember it as waters that pass away;
And thy life shall rise clearer than the noonday; 17
Thou shalt soar upward, and be as the morning.
And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; 18
Though put to shame, thou shalt rest in safety.
Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall frighten thee; 19
Yea, many shall entreat thy countenance.
But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, 20
And their means of escape shall perish,
And their hope shall be as a puff of breath.
And JOB ANSWERED and said, 1
No doubt but ye are the people, 2
And wisdom will die with you.
But I have understanding as well as you; 3
I am not inferior to you.
Yea, who knoweth not such things as these?
I am as one mocked by his neighbour, 4
Who calleth upon God, and he answereth him.
The just upright man is laughed to scorn.

5 Calamity is despised by him that is at ease;
It is ready for them that slip with the feet.
6 The tents of robbers prosper,
And they that provoke God are secure;
And into their hand God bringeth abundantly.
7 But ask now the beasts, and they will teach thee;
And the fowls of the air, and they will tell thee;
8 Or speak to the earth, and it will teach thee;
And the fishes of the sea will declare unto thee.
9 Who among all these knoweth not
That the hand of Jehovah hath wrought this?
10 In his hand is the soul of every thing living,
And the breath of every man's flesh.
11 Doth not the ear try words?
And the palate taste its own food?
12 With the old men is wisdom;
And in length of days is understanding.
13 With Him is wisdom and strength,
He hath counsel and understanding.
14 Lo, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again;
He shutteth up a man, and he cannot be set free.
15 Lo, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up;
And he sendeth them out, and they overturn the land.
16 With him is strength and safe counsel;
The deceived and the deceiver are his.
17 He leadeth counsellors away plundered,
And maketh the judges foolish.
18 He looseth the bond of kings,
And girdeth their loins with a girdle.
19 He leadeth high priests away plundered,
And overthroweth the mighty.
20 He closeth the lips of the confident,
And taketh away the understanding of the aged.
21 He poureth contempt upon tyrants,
And looseneth the belt of the strong.
22 He uncovereth deep things out of darkness,
And bringeth forth to light the shadow of death.
23 He increaseth nations, and he destroyeth them;
He scattereth nations, and leadeth them back.
24 He taketh away the heart of the chiefs in the land,
And causeth them to wander in a pathless waste.

They grope in the dark without light, 25
And he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man.
Lo, mine eye hath seen all this, 1
Mine ear hath heard and understood it.
What ye know, the same do I know also; 2
I am not inferior unto you.
Surely I would speak to the Almighty, 3
And I should desire to reason with God.
But ye surely are forgers of lies, 4
Ye are all physicians of no value.
O that ye would altogether hold your peace! 5
For that would be your wisdom.
Hear now my reasoning, 6
And hearken to the pleadings of my lips.
Will ye speak wickedly on behalf of God? 7
And talk deceitfully on behalf of him?
Will ye regard His person? 8
Will ye contend on behalf of God?
Will it be good when he shall search you out? 9
Or as a man is mocked, do ye so mock him?
He will surely reprove you, 10
If ye do secretly regard persons.
Will not his excellence make you afraid? 11
And the dread of him fall upon you?
The memorials of you are like ashes, 12
Your bodies are as bodies of clay.
Hold your peace toward me, that I may speak, 13
And let come on me what will.
Against what do I take my flesh in my teeth, 14
And do I put my life in mine hand?
~~Though He slay~~ me, ~~yet will I trust in him~~; 15
But I will maintain mine own ways before Him.
He also will be my salvation; 16
For an ungodly man shall not come before him.
Hearken diligently to MY SPEECH, 17
And to my Declaration with your ears.
'Behold now, I have ordered my cause; 18
'I know that I shall be acquitted.
'Who is he that will plead against me? 19
'For now, if I hold my tongue, I shall die.
'Only do not thou [O God] two things unto me; 20

'Then will I not hide myself from thee.
21 'Withdraw thine hand far from me;
'And let not the dread of thee make me afraid.
22 'Then call thou, and I will answer;
'Or let me speak, and answer thou me.
23 'How many are mine iniquities and sins?
'Make me to know my transgression and my sin.
24 'Wherefore hidest thou thy face,
'And considerest me as thine enemy?
25 'Wilt thou frighten a leaf driven to and fro?
'And wilt thou pursue the dry chaff?
26 'For thou writest bitter things against me,
'And makest me to inherit the sins of my youth.
27 'Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks,
'And lookest narrowly unto all my paths;
'Thou settest a print upon the soles of my feet.
28 'And this [body] as a rotten thing, wasteth away,
'As a garment that a moth eateth.
1 'Man that is born of woman
'Is of few days, and full of trouble.
2 'He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down;
'He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.
3 'And dost Thou open thine eyes upon such a one,
'And bringest thou me into judgment with thee?
4 'Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? No one.
5 'Since his days are determined,
'The number of his months are with thee,
'Thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;
6 'Turn from him, that he may have rest,
'Till he shall accomplish, as a hireling, his day.
7 'For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down,
'That it should sprout again,
'And that the tender branch thereof should not cease.
8 'Though the root thereof wax old in the earth,
'And the trunk thereof die in the ground;
9 'Yet through the scent of water it will bud,
'And bring forth boughs like a plant.
10 'But man dieth, and is laid low;
'Yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?
11 'As the waters flow out of a sea,
'And a river decayeth and drieth up;
12 'So man lieth down, and riseth not.

'Till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake,
'Nor be raised out of their sleep.
'O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, 13
'Wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past,
'Wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!
'If a man die, shall he live again? 14
'All the days of my warfare will I wait,
'Till the relieving-guard come for me.
'Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee; 15
'Thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.
'For now thou numberest my steps; 16
'Dost thou not watch over my sin?
'My transgression is sealed up in a bag, 17
'And thou sewest up mine iniquity.
'And surely the mountain falling weareth away, 18
'And the rock is removed out of its place.
'The waters wear the stones; 19
'Their floods wash away the earth's dust;
'And thou destroyest the hope of man.
'Thou overpowerest him for ever, and he passeth; 20
'Thou changest his face, and sendest him away.
'His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; 21
'And they are humbled, but he perceiveth it not of them.
'Only his flesh upon him grieveth, 22
'And his soul within him mourneth.'

Then ELIPHAZ the Temanite ANSWERED and said, 1
Doth a wise man utter windy knowledge, 2
And fill his belly with the east wind?
Should he reason with unprofitable talk? 3
Or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?
Yea, thou castest off reverence, 4
And restrainest prayer before God.
For thy mouth teacheth thine iniquity, 5
And thou choosest the tongue of the crafty.
Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I; 6
Yea, thine own lips bear witness against thee.
Art thou the first man that was born? 7
Or wast thou made before the hills?
Hast thou heard the secret counsel of God? 8
And wouldest thou keep back wisdom to thyself?
What knowest thou, that we know not? 9
What understandest thou, which is not in us?

10 Among us are both greyheaded and aged men,
Much older in days than thy father.
11 Are the consolations of God small with thee?
Or the words spoken tenderly towards thee?
12 Whither doth thine heart carry thee away?
And what do thine eyes wink at,
13 That thou turnest thy spirit against God,
And lettest such words go out of thy mouth?
14 What is man, that he should be pure?
And one born of woman, that he should be righteous?
15 Behold, He trusteth not in his holy ones;
Yea, the heavens are not pure in his sight.
16 How much more abominable and corrupt is man,
Who drinketh iniquity like water!
17 I will shew thee, hear me;
And what I have seen I will declare;
18 What wise men have told and never denied,
Even from the time of their fathers;
19 Unto whom alone the land was given,
And no stranger passed among them.
20 'The wicked man is in pain all his days,
'And the number of his years is hidden from the oppressor.
21 'A sound of terrors is in his ears;
'In prosperity the destroyer cometh upon him.
22 'He trusteth not that he shall return out of darkness,
'And men wait for him with the sword.
23 'He wandereth abroad for food everywhere;
'He knoweth that a day of darkness is ready at hand.
24 'Trouble and anguish make him afraid;
'They rise against him, as a king ready for battle.
25 'For he had stretched out his hand against God,
'And strengthened himself against the Almighty.
26 'He runneth upon him with his neck,
'With the thick bosses of his shields;
27 'Because he covereth his face with his fatness,
'And maketh folds of fat on his flanks.
28 'And he dwelleth in desolate cities,
'In houses which no man inhabiteth,
'Which are ready to become heaps of ruins.
29 'He shall not be rich, neither will his wealth continue,
'Neither will their perfection reach over the earth.
30 'He shall not depart out of darkness;

'The lightning will dry up his branches,
'And by the breath of His mouth shall he go away.
'Let him not trust in falsehood; he will be deceived; 31
'For falsehood will be his recompence.
'It will be accomplished before its time, 32
'And his branch will not be green.
'He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, 33
'And shall cast off his flower as the olive.
'For the congregation of the ungodly will be desolate, 34
'And fire will consume the tents of bribery.
'They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, 35
'And their womb prepareth deceit.'

Then JOB ANSWERED and said, 1
I have heard many such things; 2
Miserable comforters are ye all.
Will the vain words ever have an end? 3
Or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest?
I also could speak as ye do; 4
If your soul were in my soul's stead,
I could heap up words against you,
And shake mine head at you.
I could strengthen you with my mouth, 5
And the moving of my lips should be restrained.
But if I speak, my grief is not restrained; 6
And if I forbear, what am I eased?
But now He hath made me weary; 7
Thou hast made desolate all my company.
And thou hast bound me, which is a witness; 8
And my leanness rising up in me accuseth me to my face.
His anger teareth me and pursueth me with hatred; 9
He gnasheth against me with his teeth;
Mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes against me.
They rush upon me with open mouth; 10
They smite me on the cheek reproachfully;
They gather themselves together against me.
God hath delivered me up to the ungodly, 11
And turned me over into the hands of the wicked.
I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder; 12
He hath also taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces,
And he hath set me up for his mark;
His archers encompass me round about, 13

He cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare;
He poureth out my gall upon the ground.
14 He breaketh me with breach upon breach,
He runneth upon me like a warrior.
15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin,
And have defiled my horn in the dust.
16 My face is foul with weeping,
And on my eyelids is the shadow of death;
17 Not for any injustice in mine hands;
Also my prayer is pure.
18 O earth, cover not thou my bloodshed,
And let the cry against me have no place.
19 And now, behold, my witness is in the heavens,
And my record is on high.
20 My friends scorn me;
But mine eye poureth out tears unto God.
21 O that a man might plead with God,
As a son of Adam pleadeth with his neighbour!
22 When a few years are come,
Then I shall go the way whence I shall not return.
1 My breath is corrupt, my days are ended,
The grave is ready for me.
2 Are there not mockers with me?
And mine eye resteth on their provocation.
3 Engage now, give me thy pledge;
Who will strike hands with me in a bargain?
4 For thou hast hid their heart from understanding;
Therefore wilt thou not exalt them.
5 He that exposeth his friends to plunder,
Even the eyes of his children will fail.
6 He hath made me also a byword of the people;
And I am before them as one to spit on.
7 Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow,
And all my limbs are as a shadow.
8 Upright men will be astonished at this,
And the innocent will stir up himself against the ungodly.
9 The righteous man also will hold on his way,
And he that hath clean hands will gain strength.
10 But as for you all, do ye return, and come now;
For I cannot find one wise man among you.
11 My days are past, my purposes are broken off,
Even those which possessed my heart.

They change the night into day; 12
The light is little distant from darkness.
If I wait, the grave is mine house; 13
I have made my bed in the darkness.
I have said to corruption, 'Thou art my father;' 14
To the worm, 'Thou art my mother, and my sister.'
And where is now my hope? 15
As for my hope, who shall see it?
They shall go down to the bars of the grave, 16
When we shall rest together in the dust.

Then BILDAD the Shuhite ANSWERED and said, 1
How long will it be ere ye make an end of words? 2
Understand, and afterwards we will speak.
Wherefore are we counted as beasts, 3
And reputed vile in your sight?
He teareth himself in his anger. 4
Will the earth be forsaken for thy sake?
And will the rock be removed out of its place?
Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, 5
And the flame of his fire shall not shine.
The light will be dark in his tent, 6
And his lamp that is above him shall be put out.
The steps of his strength will be hindered, 7
And his own counsel will cast him down.
For he is cast into a net by his own feet, 8
And he walketh to and fro upon a snare.
The gin will take him by the heel, 9
And the trap will prevail against him.
The cord is hidden for him in the ground, 10
And a trap for him in the path.
Terrors will make him afraid on every side, 11
And will drive at him at his feet.
His strength will be hunger-bitten, 12
And destruction will be ready at his side.
It will devour the limbs of his skin; 13
The firstborn of death will devour his limbs.
His confidence will be rooted out of his tent, 14
And it will bring him to the king of terrors.
They will dwell in his tent, because there are none belonging to him; 15
Brimstone will be scattered upon his habitation.
His roots will be dried up beneath, 16

And above will his branch be cut off.
17 The memory of him will perish from the earth,
And he will have no name in the street.
18 He will be driven from light into darkness,
And chased out of the world.
19 He will neither have son nor son's son among his people,
Nor any remaining to him in his wanderings.
20 They that come after him will be astonished at his day,
As they that went before were seized with fear.
21 Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked,
And this is the place of him that knoweth not God.

1 Then JOB ANSWERED and said,
2 How long will ye vex my soul,
And break me in pieces with words?
3 These ten times have ye reproached me;
Ye are not ashamed to harden yourselves against me.
4 And be it indeed that I have erred,
Mine error remaineth with myself.
5 If indeed ye magnify yourselves against me,
And plead against me my disgrace;
6 Know now that God hath bowed me down,
And hath encompassed me with his net.
7 Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard;
I cry aloud, but there is no judgment.
8 He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass,
And he setteth darkness in my paths.
9 He hath stripped me of my glory,
And taken the crown from my head.
10 He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone;
And mine hope hath he rooted up like a tree.
11 He hath also kindled his anger against me,
And he counteth me unto him as one of his enemies.
12 His troops come together, and embank up their way against me,
And encamp round about my tent.
13 He hath put my brethren far from me,
And my acquaintance are verily estranged from me,
14 My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends.
15 They that sojourn in mine house have forgotten me.
And my maid-servants count me for a stranger;
I am an alien in their sight.
16 I called my servant, and he gave no answer,

Although I entreated him with my mouth.
My breath is strange to my wife, 17
And my caresses to the children of mine own body.
Yea, young children despised me; 18
I arose, and they spake against me.
All my bosom friends abhorred me; 19
And they whom I loved are turned against me.
My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, 20
And I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.
Have pity on me, have pity on me, O my friends; 21
For the hand of God hath touched me.
Why do ye persecute me as God, 22
And not be satisfied with my flesh?
Oh that my words were now engraved! 23
Oh that they were written in a book!
That with an iron pen and with lead 24
They were cut into the rock for ever!
For I know that my Redeemer liveth, 25
And that at last he will rise up over the dust;
And after my skin hath been thus stripped off, 26
Then out of my flesh shall I see God;
Whom I shall see for myself, 27
And mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.
My reins are consumed within me.
Truly ye will say, 'Why persecute we him?' 28
Seeing the root of the matter is found in me.
Be ye afraid of the sword for yourselves; 29
For wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword,
So that ye may know there is One that judgeth.

Then ZOPHAR the Naamathite ANSWERED and said, 1
Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, 2
And for this do I make haste.
I hear the chastisement of my reproach, 3
And the spirit of my understanding maketh me answer.
Knowest thou not this? Of old, 4
Since man was placed upon the earth,
That the triumphing of the wicked is short, 5
And the joy of the ungodly but for a moment?
Though his excellence mount up to the heavens, 6
And his head reach unto the clouds;
Yet he will perish for ever like his own dung; 7
They that have seen him will say, 'Where is he?'

8 He will fly away as a dream, and will not be found;
Yea, he will be chased away as a vision of the night.
9 The eye also which saw him will see him no more;
Neither will his place any more behold him.
10 His children shall seek to please the poor,
And his hands shall restore his injustice.
11 His bones are full of his youthful doings,
Which will lie down with him in the dust.
12 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth,
Though he hide it under his tongue;
13 Though he spare it, and forsake it not;
But keep it still within his mouth;
14 Yet his food in his bowels will be turned,
It will be as the gall of asps within him.
15 He hath swallowed riches, and he shall vomit them up;
God will cast them out of his belly.
16 He shall suck the poison of asps;
The viper's tongue will slay him.
17 He shall not see the rivers,
The floods, the brooks of honey and curds.
18 What he laboured for shall he restore, and not swallow it;
According to his wealth shall the restitution be,
And he shall not enjoy it.
19 Because he hath oppressed and forsaken the poor;
Because he seized upon a house which he builded not;
20 Because he felt not quietness in his belly,
He let nothing escape of that which he desired;
21 Nothing is left for him to devour;
Therefore his prosperity shall not endure.
22 In the fulness of his abundance he will be distressed;
Every hand of the miserable will come upon him.
23 When he is about to fill his belly,
[God] will cast the fury of his wrath upon him,
And will rain it upon him while he is eating.
24 He shall flee from the iron weapon,
But the bow of copper will strike him through.
25 He draweth it, and it cometh out of his body;
Yea, the glittering metal out of his gall;
He goeth; terrors are upon him.
26 All hidden darkness is over his treasures;
A fire not blown will consume him;
It will go ill with what is left in his tent.

The heavens will reveal his iniquity; 27
And the earth will rise up against him.
The increase of his house will be carried away, 28
It will flow away in the day of His wrath.
This is the wicked man's portion from God, 29
And the heritage appointed unto him by God.

But JOB ANSWERED and said, 1
Hearken diligently to my speech, 2
And let this be your consolation.
Suffer me that I may speak; 3
And after that I have spoken, mock on.
As for me, is my complaint unto man? 4
And if it were so, why should not my spirit be troubled?
Mark me, and be astonished, 5
And lay your hand upon your mouth.
Even while I remember I am afraid, 6
And trembling taketh hold on my flesh.

Wherefore do the wicked live, 7
Become old, yea, are mighty in power?
Their seed is established in their sight with them, 8
And their offspring before their eyes.
Their houses are safe from fear, 9
Neither is the rod of God upon them.
Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; 10
Their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.
They send forth their little ones like a flock, 11
And their children dance.
They raise [their voice] to the timbrel and harp, 12
And rejoice at the sound of the pipe.
They spend their days in prosperity, 13
Yet in a moment they will go down to the grave.
And they say unto God, 'Depart from us; 14
'For we delight not in the knowledge of thy ways.
'What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? 15
'And what profit should we have, if we pray to him?'

Lo, their good is not in their own hand. 16
May the counsel of the wicked be far from me!
How oft is the lamp of the wicked put out! 17
And how oft cometh their destruction upon them!
He distributeth sorrows in His anger.
They are as stubble before the wind, 18
And as chaff that the storm carrieth away.

19 God layeth up for each child according to his iniquity;
He will reward him, and he will know it.
20 His eyes will see his destruction,
And he will drink of the wrath of the Almighty.
21 For what pleasure hath he in his house after him,
When the number of his months is cut off in the midst?
22 Shall any one teach God knowledge?
Seeing he judgeth those that are high.
23 One man dieth in his full strength,
Being wholly at ease and quiet.
24 His sides are full of fat,
And his bones are moistened with marrow.
25 And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul,
And never eateth with pleasure.
26 They lie down together in the dust,
And the worms will cover them.
27 Behold, I know your thoughts,
And the reasoning with which ye wrong me.
28 For ye say, 'Where is the house of the tyrant?
'And where the tent of the dwellings of the wicked?'
29 Have ye not asked them that pass by the way?
And do ye not discern their tokens,
30 That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction?
They will be led forth to the day of wrath.
31 Who will declare his way to his face?
And who will repay him what he hath done?
32 Yet will he be carried to the burial-place,
And watch will be kept over his tomb.
33 The clods of the valley will be sweet unto him,
And he will draw every man after him,
As there were innumerable before him.
34 How then do ye comfort me in vain,
Seeing that falsehood remaineth in your answers?

1 Then ELIPHAZ the Temanite ANSWERED and said,
2 Can a man be profitable unto God,
As he that is wise may be profitable to himself?
3 Is it a pleasure to the Almighty that thou justifieth thyself?
Or a gain to him, that thou makest thy ways perfect?
4 Will he reprove thee in fear of thee?
Will he enter with thee into judgment?
5 Is not thy wickedness great?
And thine iniquities without end?

Surely thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, 6
And stripped the naked of their clothing.
Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, 7
And thou hast withheld bread from the hungry.
But as for the mighty man, he had the land; 8
And the man whose person was accepted dwelt in it.
Thou hast sent widows away empty, 9
And the arms of the fatherless have been broken.
Therefore snares are round about thee, 10
And sudden fear maketh thee to tremble;
Or darkness, that thou canst not see; 11
And floods of waters cover thee.
Is not God in the height of the heavens, 12
And seeing the highest of the stars, how high they are?
And thou sayest, 'How doth God know? 13
'Can he judge through the dark cloud?
'Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth not; 14
'And he walketh to and fro on the arch of the heavens.'
Thou keepest the old way which the wicked men trod, 15
Who were seized before their time, 16
Whose foundation was overflowed with the Flood;
Who said unto God, 'Depart from us;' 17
And, 'What can the Almighty do for them?'
Yet he had filled their houses with good things. 18
But may the counsel of the wicked be far from me.
The righteous see it, and are glad; 19
And the innocent laugh them to scorn [saying],
'Surely those who rise up against us are cut down, 20
'And the remnant of them the fire will consume.'
Make Him now thy friend, and be at peace; 21
Thereby thine increase will prosper.
Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, 22
And lay up his words in thine heart.
If thou return to the Almighty, thou wilt be built up, 23
Thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tents.
Then shalt thou esteem gold as the dust, 24
And the gold of Ophir as the pebbles of the brooks.
Yea, the Almighty will be thy gold, 25
And abundance of silver will be unto thee.
For then thou wilt delight in the Almighty, 26
And wilt lift up thy face unto God.

27 Thou wilt pray to him, and he will hear thee,
And thou shalt perform thy vows.
28 Thou shalt also decree a thing,
And it will be established unto thee;
And the light will shine upon thy ways.
29 When men are lowly, then thou shalt say, 'Arise;'
And he will save the men of downcast eyes.
30 He will deliver him who is not innocent;
And he will be delivered by the pureness of thine hands.

1 Then JOB ANSWERED and said,
2 Even to-day is my complaining bitter;
My stroke is heavier than my groaning.
3 Oh that I knew where I might find Him!
That I might come even to his judgment seat!
4 I would order my cause before him,
And fill my mouth with arguments.
5 I would know the words which he would answer me,
And I would understand what he would say unto me.
6 Will he plead against me with his great power?
No; but he would give heed to me.
7 There the righteous might dispute with him;
So should I be delivered for ever from my judge.
8 Behold, I go forward, but he is not there;
And backward, but I cannot perceive him;
9 On the left hand, where he worketh, but I behold him not;
He hideth himself on the right hand, that I see him not.
10 But he knoweth the way that I take;
When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.
11 My foot hath held in his paths;
His way have I kept, and not turned aside;
12 And the commands of his lips I put not away;
In my bosom I have laid up the words of his mouth.
13 But he is of one mind, and who can turn him?
And what his soul desireth, even that he doeth.
14 For he will perfect what is appointed for me;
And many such things are with him.
15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence;
When I consider, I am afraid of him.
16 For God hath made my heart soft,
And the Almighty hath troubled me;
17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness,
Neither hath he covered the darkness from my face.

Why are not times appointed by the Almighty? 1
And they that know him, why do they not see his days?
Some remove the landmarks; 2
They seize upon the flock, and those that feed it.
They drive away the ass of the fatherless, 3
They take the widow's ox for a pledge.
They turn the needy out of the way; 4
The poor of the land hide themselves together.
Behold, as wild asses in the desert, go they forth 5
On their work, rising betimes for a prey;
The Barren Valley yieldeth them food for their children.
They reap every one his fodder in the field; 6
And they gather the vintage of the wicked.
Naked will they lodge without clothing, 7
And they will have no covering in the cold.
They will be wet with the showers of the mountains, 8
And they will embrace the rock for want of a shelter.
Some pluck the fatherless from the breast, 9
And take a pledge of the poor.
These men shall go naked without clothing, 10
And they shall carry in the sheaf, but be hungry;
They make oil within their walls, 11
They tread their winepresses, and yet suffer thirst.
When dying, they groan from out of the city; 12
And when wounded, their soul crieth out;
Yet God attendeth not to their prayer.
Some are of those that rebel against the light; 13
They know not its ways, nor abide in its paths.
The murderer riseth with the light; 14
He killeth the poor and the needy,
And in the night he is as a thief.
The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, 15
Saying, 'No eye will see me;'
And he putteth a disguise on his face.
Some dig in the dark through houses; 16
They conceal themselves by day; they know not the light.
For the morning is to them as the shadow of death; 17
Since to be known is the terrors of the shadow of death.
It [death] is swift on the face of the waters; 18
Their portion is cursed on the earth;
He turneth not by the pathway of the vineyards.
Drought and heat consume the snow waters; 19

So doth Hell those who have sinned.
20 The womb will forget him; the worm will feast on him;
He is not remembered; and wickedness is broken as a staff.
21 One man ill-treateth the childless woman that beareth not;
And doeth not good to the widow.
22 He draweth even the mighty with his power;
He riseth up, and no man is sure of life.
23 He granteth to him to be in safety, and he resteth on it;
Yet His eyes are upon their ways.
24 They are exalted for a little while, and are no more;
And they are brought low, they pass away like others,
And they are cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.
25 And if it be not so now, who will prove me false,
And make my speech nothing worth?

1 Then BILDAD the Shuhite ANSWERED and said,
2 Dominion and terror are with Him,
He maketh retribution in his high places.
3 Is there any number to his armies?
And upon whom doth not His light arise?
4 How then can man be justified with God?
Or how can he be pure that is born of woman?
5 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not;
Yea, the stars are not pure in his sight.
6 How much less man, who is a worm!
And the son of Adam, who is an earth-worm!

1 But JOB ANSWERED and said,
2 How hast thou helped him that is without power?
How savest thou the arm that hath no strength?
3 How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom?
And how hast thou fully declared safe counsel?
4 For whom hast thou uttered words?
And whose spirit cometh forth from thee?
5 Spiritual beings are born beneath the waters,
And are the inhabitants thereof.
6 Hell is naked before him,
And the Pit of destruction hath no covering.
7 He stretcheth out the north over empty space,
And hangeth the earth upon nothing.
8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds;
And the cloud is not rent under them.
9 He holdeth back the face of his throne,
And spreadeth his cloud over it.

He drew the circle on the face of the waters, 10
As a boundary between light and darkness.
The pillars of heaven tremble, 11
And are astonished at his reproof.
He stilleth the sea with his power, 12
And by his understanding he smiteth down its pride.
By his spirit he garnished the heavens; 13
His hand formed the crooked serpent.
Lo, these are parts of his ways; 14
And what a whisper is the word that is heard of him!
But the thunder of his power who can understand?

And JOB AGAIN took up his parable, and said, 1
As God liveth, who hath turned aside my judgment; 2
And the Almighty, who hath made my soul bitter;
All the while my breath is in me, 3
And the spirit of God is in my nostrils;
My lips shall not speak wickedness, 4
Nor my tongue utter deceit.
Far be it from me that I should justify you; 5
Till I die I will not remove my honesty from me.
My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go; 6
My heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.
Let mine enemy be as the wicked, 7
And he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.
For what is the hope of the ungodly, though he get gain, 8
When God taketh away his soul?
Will God hear his cry 9
When trouble cometh upon him?
Doth he delight himself in the Almighty? 10
Doth he always call upon God?

I will teach you as to the hand of God; 11
That which is with the Almighty will I not conceal.
Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it; 12
Why then do ye babble vanity in this wise? [~~saying~~],
'This is the portion of a wicked man with God, 13
'And oppressors receive it as a heritage from the Almighty.
'If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword; 14
'And his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.
'Those that remain of him will be buried in death; 15
'And his widows shall not weep.
'Though he heap up silver as the dust, 16
'And prepare raiment as the clay;

17 'He may prepare, but the righteous will wear it,
'And the innocent will divide the silver.
18 'He buildeth his house as a moth,
'And as a booth that the watchman maketh.
19 'He may lie down a rich man, and nothing be taken away;
'He openeth his eyes, and nothing remaineth to him.
20 'Terrors take hold of him as waters,
'A tempest stealeth him away in the night.
21 'The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth;
'And as a storm it hurleth him out of his place.
22 'For it casteth itself upon him, and doth not spare;
'He would fain flee out of its hand.
23 'It will clap its hands at him,
'And will hiss him out of his place.'

1 Surely there is A MINE for silver,
And a place for gold where they refine it.
2 Iron is taken out of the earth,
And the stone is smelted for copper.
3 Man putteth an end to darkness,
And searcheth into every corner,
For stones of darkness, and of the shadow of death.
4 He breaketh a water channel through the limestone;
Forgotten by the foot, the waters are drawn off,
They are taken away from men.
5 The earth, out of which cometh food,
Even its lowest parts are turned up as by fire.
6 The stones of it are the place of sapphires;
And it hath dust of gold.
7 The path no bird of prey knoweth,
And the vulture's eye hath not glanced upon it;
8 The proud whelps have not trodden it,
Nor the black lion passed along it.
9 Man putteth forth his hand on the flinty rock;
He overturneth mountains by the roots.
10 He cutteth channels among the rocks;
And his eye seeth every thing precious.
11 He bindeth the streams from leaking;
And what was hidden he bringeth forth to light.
12 But where shall WISDOM be found?
And where is the place of Understanding?
13 Man knoweth not the price thereof;
Neither is it to be found in the land of the living.

The Deep saith, 'It is not in me;' 14
And the Sea saith, 'It is not with me.'
It cannot be gotten for pure gold, 15
Neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.
It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, 16
With the precious onyx, or the sapphire.
It cannot be measured with gold or crystal, 17
Or exchanged for jewels of fine gold.
Coral, or diamonds, shall not be mentioned; 18
For the price of Wisdom is above pearls.
The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, 19
Neither shall it be valued with pure gold.
Whence then cometh Wisdom? 20
And where is the place of Understanding?
Seeing that it is hid from the eyes of all living, 21
And concealed from the fowls of the air.
The Pit of destruction and Death say, 22
'We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.'
God understandeth the way thereof, 23
And he knoweth the place thereof;
For he looketh to the ends of the earth; 24
He seeth what is under the whole heavens.
When he made the weight for the winds, 25
And he arranged the waters by measure.
When he made a decree for the rain, 26
And a way for the lightning of the thunder;
Then did he see it, and declare it, 27
He prepared it, yea, and searched it out.
And unto man [or Adam] he said, 28
'Behold, the fear of Jehovah, that is Wisdom;
'And to depart from evil is Understanding.'

AND JOB AGAIN took up his parable, and said, 1
Oh that I were as in months past, 2
As in the days when God preserved me;
When his lamp shined upon my head, 3
And by its light I walked through darkness;
As I was in the days of my strength, 4
When the friendship of God was upon my tent;
When the Almighty was yet with me, 5
When my children were about me;
When I washed my steps with milk, 6
And the rock poured out for me rivers of oil!

7 When I went out to the gate of the city,
When I prepared my seat in the open street,
8 The young men saw me, and hid themselves;
And the aged arose, and stood up;
9 The princes refrained from talking,
And laid their hand upon their mouth;
10 The nobles held back the voice,
And their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.
11 When the ear heard me, then it blessed me;
And when the eye saw me, it gave witness for me;
12 Because I delivered the poor that cried,
And the fatherless, and him that had no helper.
13 The blessing of the perishing man came upon me;
And I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me as a robe;
And my judgment was as a turban.
15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.
16 I was a father to the poor;
And the cause which I knew not I searched out.
17 And I broke the cheek-teeth of the wicked,
And plucked the spoil out of his teeth.
18 Then I said, 'I shall die in my nest,
'And I shall multiply my days as the sand.'
19 My root was spread out by the waters,
And the dew lay all night upon my branch.
20 My glory was fresh in me,
And my bow was renewed in my hand.
21 Unto me men gave ear, and waited,
And they kept silence at my counsel.
22 After my words they spake not again;
And my speech dropped [as dew] upon them.
23 And they waited for me as for the rain;
And they opened their mouth as for the latter rain.
24 If I smiled on them, they believed it not;
And the light of my countenance they let it not fall.
25 I chose out their way, and sat as chief,
And I dwelt as a king in the army,
As one that comforteth the mourners.

1 But now they that are younger than I laugh at me,
Whose fathers I disdained to set with the dogs of my flock.
2 Yea, the strength of their hands, what was it to me?

With them their full age was wasted away.
Through want and barren famine they gnawed the desert, 3
Which was of old desolate and waste.
They cut up bitter herbs by the bushes, 4
And roots of the broom-bush for their food.
They were driven forth from among men, 5
Who cried after them as after a thief,
To dwell in the horrid places of the valleys, 6
In caves of the earth, and among the rocks.
They brayed among the bushes; 7
Under the nettles they were gathered together.
Children of fools, yea, children of base men, 8
They were driven out of the land.
And now am I their song, 9
Yea, I am become their byword.
They abhor me, they flee far from me, 10
And they spare not to spit in my face,
Because he hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me; 11
They have also cast a noose before me.
Upon my right hand rise the young beasts; 12
They push away my feet,
And they heap up against me the ways of their destruction.
They break up my path, they add to my calamity; 13
There is no help by reason of them.
They come upon me as a wide breaking-in; 14
In the desolation they roll themselves upon me.
Terrors are turned upon me; 15
They pursue my dignity as the wind;
And my welfare passeth away as a cloud.
And now my soul is poured out within me; 16
Days of affliction have taken hold upon me.
My bones are pierced in me in the night season; 17
And my gnawing taketh no rest.
By its great force is my covering changed; 18
It bindeth me as the collar of my under-coat.
It hath cast me into the mire, 19
And I am become like dust and ashes.
I cry unto thee, and thou dost not answer me; 20
I stand up, and thou considerest me not.
Thou art turned to be cruel to me; 21
With the strength of thy hand thou opposest me.
Thou liftest me up to ride on the wind; 22

And thou dissolvest my safe counsel.
23 For I know that thou wilt bring me to death,
And to the house appointed for all living.
24 Yet prayers are nought when He stretcheth out his hand,
Nor while he afflicteth should they cry for help.
25 Did not I weep for him that was in trouble?
My soul was grieved for the poor.
26 When I looked for good, then evil came;
And when I waited for light, there came darkness.
27 My bowels boiled, and rested not;
The days of affliction came upon me.
28 I went darkened, but not by the sun's heat;
I stood up, and I cried in the assembly.
29 I am brother to jackals, and companion to ostriches.
30 My skin is black upon me,
And my bones are burned with heat.
31 My harp also is turned to mourning,
And my pipes to the voice of them that weep.
1 I made a covenant with mine eyes;
Why then should I think upon a maid?
2 For what portion should I have from God above?
And what inheritance from the Almighty on high?
3 Is not calamity for the wicked?
And misfortune for the workers of iniquity?
4 Doth not He see my ways, and count all my steps?
5 If I have walked with falsehood,
Or if my foot hath hastened to deceit;
6 (Let me be weighed in an even balance,
That God may know my honesty;)
7 If my step hath turned out of the way,
And mine heart walked after mine eyes,
And if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands;
8 Then let me sow, and let another eat;
Yea, let my plants be rooted out.
9 If mine heart have been deceived by a woman,
Or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door;
10 Then let my wife grind unto another,
And let others bow down upon her.
11 For this is a heinous crime;
Yea, it is an iniquity for the judges.
12 For it is a fire that consumeth to destruction,
And would root out all mine increase.

If I did despise the cause of my man-servant
Or of my maid-servant, when they contended with me;
What then should I do when God riseth up?
And when he visiteth, what should I answer him?
Did not he that made me in the womb make him?
And did not One fashion us in the womb?
If I have withheld the poor from their desire,
Or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;
Or have eaten my morsel myself alone,
And the fatherless hath not eaten thereof;
(For from my youth he hath grown up with me, as with a father,
And I have guided her from my mother's womb;)
If I have seen any perish for want of clothing,
Or any poor without covering;
If his loins have not blessed me,
And if he were not warmed with the fleece of my sheep;
If I have shaken my fist against the fatherless,
When I saw help for myself at the city gate;
Then let my shoulder-blade fall from my shoulder,
And mine arm be broken from the bone.
For destruction from God was a terror to me,
And by reason of his majesty I could not endure.
If I have made gold my hope,
Or have said to fine gold, 'Thou art my confidence;'
If I rejoiced because my wealth was great,
And because mine hand had gotten much;
If I beheld the sun when it shined,
Or the moon walking in its brightness;
And my heart hath been secretly enticed,
Or my mouth hath kissed my hand [in worship];
This also were an iniquity for the judge;
For I should have denied the God that is above.
If I rejoiced at the misfortune of him that hated me,
Or was puffed up when evil found him;
Yet I did not suffer my mouth to sin
By wishing a curse to his soul.
If the men of my tent said not,
'Who can shew one not satisfied from his flesh!'
The stranger did not lodge in the street;
But I opened my doors to the traveller.
If I covered my transgressions as ~~Adam~~,

By hiding mine iniquity in my bosom;
34 Because I feared a great multitude,
And the contempt of families terrified me,
Then I kept silence, and went not out of the doorway.
35 Oh that He would hear me! behold, my signature,
Let the Almighty answer me, and my accuser write his charge.
36 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder,
And bind it as a crown to me.
37 I would declare unto him the number of my steps;
As a prince would I go near unto him.
38 If my land cry against me,
Or that the furrows likewise thereof complain;
39 If I have eaten the richness thereof without money,
Or have caused the husbandmen thereof to lose their life;
40 Let thistles grow instead of wheat,
And wild berries instead of barley.

1 The words of Job were ended; and these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own
2 eyes. Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram; against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather
3 than God. Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had
4 condemned Job. Now Elihu had waited till Job had
5 spoken, because they were elder in days than he. When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these
6 three men, then his wrath was kindled. And ELIHU the son of Barachel the Buzite ANSWERED and said,

I am young, and ye are very old;
Therefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you my opinion.
7 I said, 'Days should speak,
'And multitude of years should teach wisdom.'
8 But there is a spirit in man;
And the breath of the Almighty giveth them understanding.
9 Elder men are not always wise;
Neither do the aged understand judgment.
10 Therefore I said, 'Hearken to me;
'I also will shew mine opinion.'
11 Behold, I waited for your speeches;
I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched for words.
12 Yea, I attended to you, and, behold,

None of you confuted Job, or answered his words.
Say not, 'We have found out wisdom;' 13
It is God that thrusteth him down, not man.
Now he hath not directed his words against me; 14
Neither will I answer him with your speeches.
They are amazed, they answer no more; 15
They have left off speaking.
And I have waited, for they speak not, 16
But stand still, and answer no more;
I will answer also my part, 17
I also will shew mine opinion.
For I am full of matter, 18
The spirit within my breast constraineth me.
Behold, my breast is as wine that hath no vent; 19
It is ready to burst like new leather bottles.
I will speak, that I may be refreshed; 20
I will open my lips and answer.
Now I will not regard any man's person, 21
Neither let me give flattering titles unto any man.
For I know not how to give flattering titles; 22
My Maker would soon take me away.
Therefore, O Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, 1
And hearken unto all my words.
Behold, now I have opened my mouth, 2
My tongue hath spoken with my palate.
My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart; 3
And my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.
The spirit of God hath made me, 4
And the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.
If thou art able to answer me, 5
Set thyself in order before me, stand up.
Behold, I am at thy bidding in God's stead. 6
I also am formed out of clay.
Behold, the fear of me will not make thee afraid, 7
Neither will my weight be heavy upon thee.
Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, 8
And I have heard the voice of thy words, [saying,]
'I am clean without transgression, I am innocent; 9
'Neither is there iniquity in me.
'Behold, He findeth causes of quarrel with me, 10
'He counteth me for his enemy,
'He putteth my feet in the stocks, 11

'He watcheth all my paths.'
12 Behold, in this thou art not just;
I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.
13 Why dost thou strive against him?
For he giveth not account of any of his doings.
14 Surely in one way God speaketh,
Yea, in two ways, yet man considereth it not.
15 In a dream, in a vision of the night,
When deep sleep falleth upon men,
In slumberings upon the bed;
16 Then he openeth the ears of men,
And setteth a seal on their instruction,
17 That he may withdraw man from his doings,
And hide pride from the warrior.
18 He keepeth back his soul from the pit,
And his life from perishing by the sword.
19 Man is also chastened with pain upon his bed,
And the strife of his bones is continued;
20 So that his life abhorreth bread,
And his soul dainty food.
21 His flesh is consumed, so that it cannot be seen;
And his bones that were not seen are laid bare.
22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the pit,
And his life to those who cause death.
23 If there be a messenger with him,
An interpreter, one among a thousand,
To shew unto a man his right way;
24 Then He is gracious unto him, and saith,
'Deliver him from going down to the pit;
'I have found an atonement.'
25 His flesh becometh fresher than a child's;
He returneth to the days of his youth;
26 He prayeth unto God, who is favourable unto him;
And he shall see His face with the shout of joy;
For he will render unto man his righteousness.
27 He singeth before men, and saith, 'I have sinned,
'And I perverted the right, and it profited me not;
28 'He delivered my soul from going into the pit,
'And my life shall see the light.'
29 Lo, all these things worketh God
Twice and three times with man,

To bring back his soul from the pit, 30
To be enlightened with the light of the living.
Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me; 31
Hold thy peace, and I will speak.
If thou hast any thing to say, answer me; 32
Speak, for I should be pleased with thy justification.
If not, do thou hearken unto me; 33
Hold thy peace, and I will teach thee wisdom.
FURTHERMORE ELIHU answered and said, 1
Hear my words, O ye wise men; 2
And give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.
For the ear trieth words, as the palate tasteth food. 3
Let us choose to us a rule of judging; 4
Let us know among ourselves what is good.
For Job hath said, 'I am righteous; 5
'And God hath turned aside my cause.
'Should I lie against my own right? 6
'My wound is incurable without transgression.'
What man is like Job? he drinketh up scoffing like water. 7
He goeth in company with workers of iniquity, 8
And walketh with wicked men.
For he hath said, 'It profiteth a man nothing 9
'That he should make himself acceptable unto God.'
Therefore hear me, ye men of understanding; 10
Far be wickedness from God, and injustice from the Almighty.
For the work of a man will He render unto him, 11
And cause every man to find according to his ways.
Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, 12
Neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.
Who gave Him charge over the earth? 13
Or who hath disposed the whole world?
If he set his heart against man, 14
If he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;
All flesh would perish together, 15
And man would turn again unto dust.
If now thou hast understanding, hear this; 16
Hearken to the voice of my words.
Is then He that governeth a hater of right? 17
And wilt thou condemn Him that is most just?
He saith to a king, 'Thou art wicked;' 18

And to tyrants, 'Ye are ungodly.'
19 He respecteth not the persons of princes,
Nor regardeth the rich more than the poor;
For they all are the work of his hands.
20 In a moment they die, and at midnight
The people are troubled, and pass away;
And the mighty are taken away without hand.
21 For His eyes are upon the ways of man,
And He seeth all his goings.
22 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death,
Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.
23 For He will not long attend to man,
When he would enter into judgment with God.
24 He breaketh in pieces mighty men without inquiry,
And setteth others in their stead,
25 Because he knoweth their works;
And a night overturneth them, and they are crushed.
26 Because they are wicked, he striketh them
In the open sight of beholders;
27 Because they turned back from following him,
And would not consider any of his ways;
28 So as to bring the cry of the poor unto him,
And that he should hear the cry of the afflicted.
29 When He giveth quietness, who then can make trouble?
And when He hideth his face, who then can behold him?
Whether because of a nation, or because of a man only;
30 So that an ungodly man should not reign,
So that the people should not be ensnared.
31 Surely he should have said unto God, 'I have suffered,
'I will not offend any more;
32 'That which I see not, teach thou to me;
'If I have done iniquity, I will do so no more.'
33 According to thy mind should He recompense it?
When thou rejectest, when thou choosest, and not I?
Therefore speak thou what thou knowest.
34 Men of understanding tell me,
And a wise man will hearken unto me;
35 Job speaketh without knowledge,
And his words are without wisdom.
36 My desire is that Job may be thoroughly tried,
Because his answers are among wicked men.
37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin,

He clappeth his hands among us,
And he multiplieth his words against God.
FURTHERMORE ELIHU answered and said,
Thinkest thou this to be right?
Thou saidst, 'My righteousness is more than God's.'
For thou askest what advantage it will be to thee;
'What profit shall I have from my being without sin?'
I will answer thee, and thy friends with thee.
Look unto the heavens, and see;
And behold the skies which are higher than thou.
If thou be cleansed from sin, what workest thou for Him?
Or if thy transgressions be many, what doest thou to Him?
If thou be righteous, what givest thou to Him?
Or what receiveth He from thine hand?
Thy wickedness may be somewhat to a man as thou art;
And thy righteousness to a son of Adam.
By reason of strife the oppressed are made to cry;
They cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty.
But none saith, 'Where is God my maker, 1
'Who giveth songs of praise in the night;
'Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, 1
'And maketh us wiser than the fowls of the heavens?'
Thence they cry, but none giveth answer, 1
Because of the pride of evil men.
Surely God will not hearken to vanity, 1
Neither will the Almighty regard it.
Although thou sayest thou dost not see him; 1
Judgment is before him; therefore wait thou on him.
But now, because his anger hath not visited, 1
And he attendeth not to the great pride;
Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vanity; 1
He multiplieth words without knowledge.
And ELIHU CONTINUED and said,
Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee;
For I have yet words on God's behalf.
I will fetch my knowledge from afar,
And will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.
For truly my words will not be false;
One that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.
Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any;
He is mighty in strength and wisdom.
He preserveth not the life of the wicked;

But giveth right to the poor.
7 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous;
But with kings shall they be on the throne;
Yea, he establisheth them for ever, and they are exalted.
8 And if they be bound in fetters,
And be held in cords of affliction;
9 Then he sheweth them their doings,
And their transgressions because they were proud.
10 He openeth also their ear unto discipline,
And commandeth that they return from iniquity.
11 If they obey and serve him,
They will spend their days in prosperity,
And their years in pleasures.
12 But if they obey not, they will perish by the sword,
And they will die without knowledge.
13 But the ungodly in heart heap up wrath;
They cry not for help when He bindeth them.
14 They die in youth, and their life is among the unclean.
15 He delivereth the afflicted in his affliction,
And openeth the ear to them in oppression.
16 Even so would he have removed thee out of the adversary's mouth
Into a broad place, where there is no narrowness;
And what lieth on thy table should be full of fatness.
17 But thou hast fully executed wicked judgment;
Judgment and justice are taking hold on thee.
18 Beware lest Wrath take thee away by a stroke;
Then a great ransom cannot deliver thee.
19 Will He esteem thy riches?
No, not gold, nor all the forces of strength.
20 Desire not the night,
When people are cut off in their places.
21 Take heed that thou turn not to iniquity;
For this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.
22 Behold, God exalteth by his power;
Who teacheth like him?
23 Who hath enjoined unto Him his way?
Or who can say, 'Thou hast wrought iniquity'?
24 Remember that thou magnify his work,
Which men look round upon.
25 Every man may see it;
A man may behold it afar off.

Behold, God is great, and we know him not, 2
Neither can the number of his years be searched out.
For he draweth up the drops of water; 2
They pour down as rain for his mist,
Which the skies do drop down, 2
And distil upon man abundantly.
Yea, understandeth man how the clouds are spread, 2
Or the noise of his tabernacle?
Behold, he spreadeth his light around him, 3
And covereth the roots of the sea.
For by these judgeth he the people; 3
He giveth food in abundance.
He covereth the lightning in the hollow of his hands, 3
And commandeth it when to strike down.
The thunder thereof sheweth concerning him, 3
The zeal of his anger against iniquity.
At this also my heart trembleth, 1
And is moved out of its place.
Hear attentively the noise of his voice,
And the sound that goeth out of his mouth.
He maketh it flash under the whole heavens, 1
And his lightning is unto the ends of the earth.
After it a voice roareth; 4
He thundereth with the voice of his majesty;
And he keepeth them not back when his voice is heard.
God thundereth marvellously with his voice; 5
Great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.
For he saith to the snow, 'Be thou on the earth;' 6
And to the showers, and the great rains of his strength.
He sealeth up the hand of every man; 7
That all men may know his work.
Then the wild beasts go into dens, 8
And remain in their lurking places.
Out of the south cometh the whirlwind; 9
And cold out of the north.
By the breath of God frost is given; 10
And the breadth of the waters is made solid.
Also fine weather driveth away the thick cloud; 11
Its light scattereth the clouds;
He turneth about the seasons by his counsels, 12
That they may do whatsoever he commandeth them
Over the face of the world in the earth.

13 He causeth each to come,
Whether for correction, or for his land, or for kindness.
14 Hearken unto this, O Job; stand still,
And consider the wondrous works of God.
15 Dost thou know when God disposed them,
And caused the light of his cloud to shine?
16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds,
The wondrous works of perfect knowledge?
17 Why are thy garments warm,
When he quieteth the earth by the south wind?
18 Hast thou with him spread out the sky,
Which is strong, and as a molten mirror?
19 Teach us what we shall say unto him;
We cannot order our speech by reason of darkness.
20 Shall it be told him that I speak?
If a man say it, surely he will be swallowed up.
21 And now men see not a bright light in the skies;
But the wind passeth, and cleanseth them.
22 The gold [of the sky] cometh out of the north;
With God is terrible majesty.
23 The Almighty, we cannot find him out;
He is excellent in power, and in judgment,
And abounding in justice; he will not afflict.
24 Men do therefore fear him;
He maketh not any afraid that are wise of heart.

1 Then JEHOVAH ANSWERED Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel
By words without knowledge?
3 Gird up now thy loins like a man;
For I will demand of thee, and tell thou me.
4 Where wast thou when I founded the earth?
Declare, if thou hast understanding;
5 Who laid its measures, if thou knowest?
Or who stretched out the line upon it?
6 Upon what were its foundations sunk?
Or who laid the corner-stone thereof,
7 When the morning stars sang together,
And all the sons of God shouted for joy?
8 Or who shut up the sea with doors,
When it brake forth, and issued out of the womb?
9 When I made the cloud to be its garment,

And thick darkness a swaddling-band for it,
And I established for it my decree, 10
And I set up cross-bars and doors,
And said, 'Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further; 11
'And here shall the pride of thy waves be stayed'?
Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; 12
And caused the dayspring to know its place;
That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, 13
That the wicked might be driven out of it?
It is turned as clay by the seal; 14
And they present themselves as a garment.
But from the wicked their light is withheld, 15
And the high arm will be broken.
Hast thou gone to the springs of the sea? 16
Or hast thou walked about in search of the deep?
Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? 17
Or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?
Hast thou considered the breadth of the earth? 18
Declare if thou knowest it all.
Which is the way to where light dwelleth? 19
And darkness, where is the place thereof,
That thou mayest take each to its own bounds, 20
And that thou shouldest know the paths to its house?
Knowest thou this, because thou wast then born? 21
Or because the number of thy days is great?
Hast thou entered the treasure houses of the snow? 22
Or hast thou seen the treasure houses of the hail,
Which I have reserved against a time of trouble, 23
Against the day of battle and war?
By which way is the light portioned out, 24
That scattereth the east wind upon the earth?
Who divided a watercourse for the floods, 25
Or a way for the arrows of the thunder;
To cause it to rain on a land where no man is; 26
On the desert, where there is no son of Adam;
To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; 27
And to cause the bud of the grass to spring forth?
Hath the rain a father? 28
Or who hath begotten the drops of the dew?
Out of whose womb came the ice? 29
And the hoar frost of heaven, who gendered it?
The waters are hidden as with a stone, 30

And the face of the deep is fettered.
31 Dost thou bind the bands of the Pleiades,
Or unloose the fetters of Orion?
32 Dost thou bring forth the signs of the Zodiac in their season?
Or dost thou guide Arcturus with his sons?
33 Knowest thou the ordinances of the heavens?
Dost thou set the dominion thereof on the earth?
34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds,
That an abundance of waters may cover thee?
35 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go,
And say unto thee, 'Here we are'?
36 Who hath put wisdom in the shooting stars?
Or who hath given understanding to the meteors?
37 Who can number the clouds in his wisdom?
And who layeth the bottles of heaven on their sides,
38 When the dust is changed into mud,
And the clods cleave fast together?
39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lioness?
Or fill the appetite of the young lions,
40 When they couch in their dens,
And abide in the covert to lie in wait?
41 Who provideth for the raven its prey?
When its young ones cry unto God,
And wander for lack of food.

1 Knowest thou the time when THE ROCK GOATS bring forth?
Or dost thou watch over the calving of the hinds?
2 Canst thou number the months that they fulfil?
Or knowest thou the time when they bring forth?
3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young,
They cast away their pains.
4 Their young ones thrive, they grow up in the plain;
They go forth, and return not unto them.
5 Who hath sent out the WILD Ass free?
Or who hath unloosed the bands of the wild mule?
6 To whom I gave the Barren Valley for his house,
And the salt track for his dwellings.
7 He scorneth the tumult of the city,
Neither regardeth he the cry of the driver.
8 The range of the mountains is his pasture,
And he searcheth after every green herb.

Will THE BUFFALO be willing to serve thee, 9
Or will he abide in thy stable?
Canst thou bind the buffalo by his band in the furrow? 10
Or will he harrow the valleys after thee?
Wilt thou trust him, because his strength is great? 11
Or wilt thou leave thy labour to him?
Wilt thou believe him, that he will bring home thy seed, 12
And that he will gather it on to thy threshing-floor?
The wing of THE OSTRICH shaketh joyfully; 13
Are its pinion and feathers as those of the pious stork?
For she leaveth her eggs in the earth, 14
And warmeth them in the sand,
And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, 15
Or that the wild beast of the field may break them.
She is cruel to her young ones, as though not hers; 16
Her labour is in vain, but without fear;
Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, 17
Neither hath he imparted to her understanding.
What time she lifteth up herself on high, 18
She scorneth the horse and its rider.
Didst thou give to THE HORSE his strength? 19
Hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?
Didst thou make him to leap as the grasshopper? 20
The glory of his snorting is terrible.
He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his might; 21
He goeth forth to meet the armed men.
He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; 22
Neither turneth he back from the sword.
The quiver rattleth against him, 23
The glittering spear and the javelin.
He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage; 24
Neither is he quiet when there is the sound of a trumpet.
He saith among the trumpets, 'Ha, ha;' 25
And he smelleth the battle afar off,
The thunder of the captains, and the shouting.
Doth THE HAWK fly by thy wisdom, 26
And stretch her wings toward the south?
Doth THE EAGLE mount up at thy command, 27
When she maketh her nest on high?
She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, 28
Upon the crag of the rock, and the stronghold.
From thence she seeketh her food, 29

And her eyes behold afar off.
10 Her young ones also suck up blood;
And where the slain are, there is she.
1 Moreover Jehovah answered Job, and said,
2 Shall he that pleadeth with the Almighty teach him?
He that reproveth God, let him answer it.
3 Then Job answered Jehovah, and said,
4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee?
I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.
5 Once have I spoken; but I will not answer;
Yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.
6 Then Jehovah answered unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
7 Gird up thy loins now like a man;
I will demand of thee, and tell thou unto me.
8 Wilt thou also annul my judgment?
Wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be acquitted?
9 Hast thou an arm like God?
Or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?
10 Deck thyself now with majesty and excellence;
And clothe thyself with glory and beauty.
11 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath;
And look on every one that is proud, and abase him.
12 Look on every one that is proud, and humble him;
And tread down the wicked in their place.
13 Hide them in the dust together;
And bind their faces in secret.
14 Then will I also confess unto thee
That thine own right hand can save thee.
15 Behold now the River-horse, which I made with thee;
He eateth grass as an ox.
16 Now behold, his strength is in his loins,
And his force is in the muscles of his belly.
17 When he lusteth, his tail is like a cedar;
The sinews of his thighs are wrapped together.
18 His bones are as pipes of copper;
His larger bones are like bars of iron.
19 He is the chief of the ways of God;
He that made him giveth unto him his sword.
20 Surely the mountains bring forth food for him,
Where all the wild beasts of the field play.
21 He lieth under the leaves of the lotus,

In the covert of the reed, and in the fens.
The lotus leaves cover him with their shade; 22
The willows of the brook encompass him.
Lo, when the river presseth, he hasteneth not away; 23
He would trust though the Jordan should rush into his mouth.
By his eyes he must be taken; 24
His nostrils must be pierced with snares.
Canst thou draw out THE CROCODILE with a hook? 1
Or fasten his tongue with a cord?
Canst thou put a reed into his nose? 2
Or bore his jaw through with a ring?
Will he make many supplications unto thee? 3
Will he speak soft words unto thee?
Will he make a covenant with thee? 4
Wilt thou catch him for a servant for ever?
Wilt thou play with him as with a bird? 5
Or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?
Will the companies purchase him? 6
Will they part him among the merchants?
Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? 7
Or his head with fish spears?
Lay thine hand upon him, 8
Remember the battle, thou wilt not do it again.
Behold, the hope of him is deceitful; 9
Shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?
None is so fierce that dare rouse him up; 10
Who then is able to stand before Me?
Who hath met me first, that I should repay him? 11
Whatsoever is under the whole heavens is mine.
I will not be silent about his parts, 12
Nor his power, nor his comely proportion.
Who can uncover the face of his garment? 13
Or who can come within his double jaws?
Who can open the doors of his face? 14
His teeth are terrible round about.
The strong pieces of his shields are his pride, 15
Shut up together as with a close seal.
One is so near to another, 16
That no air can come between them.
They are joined one to another, 17
They stick together, that they cannot be parted.

18 In his snorting a light doth shine,
And his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.
19 Out of his mouth go firebrands,
And sparks of fire escape out.
20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke,
As out of a boiling pot or caldron.
21 His breath kindleth coals,
And a flame goeth out of his mouth.
22 Strength dwelleth in his neck,
And terror leapeth before him.
23 The flakes of his flesh are joined together;
They are firm upon him, they cannot be disturbed.
24 His heart is as firm as a stone;
Yea, as firm as a nether millstone.
25 When he raiseth himself up, the mighty are afraid;
By reason of tremblings they mistake their way.
26 The sword of him that striketh at him cannot hold;
The spear, the dart, nor the coat of mail.
27 He esteemeth iron as straw, and copper as rotten wood.
28 The arrow from the bow cannot make him flee;
Sling-stones are turned with him into stubble.
29 The club is counted by him as stubble;
He laugheth at the shaking of a spear.
30 His under parts are as points of potsherds;
He spreadeth sharp-pointed things upon the mire.
31 He maketh the deep to boil like a caldron;
He maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.
32 He maketh his track to shine behind him;
One would think the deep to be hoary.
33 Upon earth there is not his like, he is made without fear.
34 He beholdeth all high things;
He is a king over all the children of pride.

1 Then JOB ANSWERED Jehovah, and said,
2 I know that thou canst do every thing,
And that no thought can be withheld from thee.
[Jehovah speaks].
3 Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge?
[Job speaks].
Therefore have I uttered what I understood not;
Things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.
[Jehovah speaks].
4 Hearken now, and I will speak;

I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

[Job speaks].

I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; 5
But now mine eye seeth thee.
Wherefore I abhor myself; 6
And I repent in dust and ashes.

And it was so, that after Jehovah had spoken these words 7
unto Job, Jehovah said to Eliphaz the Temanite, 'My wrath
'is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends; for
'ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, like my
'servant Job. Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks 8
'and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up
'for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall
'pray for you; for him will I accept; lest I deal with you
'after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the
'thing which is right, like my servant Job.'

So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and 9
Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as Jehovah
commanded them. Jehovah also accepted Job. And Jeho- 10
vah brought home the captivity of Job, when he prayed for
his friends; also Jehovah gave Job twice as much as he
had before. Then came there unto him all his brethren, 11
and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaint-
ance before, and did eat bread with him in his house; and
they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil
that Jehovah had brought upon him; every man also gave
him a Kesitah [or piece of silver], and every one a ring of
gold. So Jehovah blessed the latter end of Job more than 12
his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six
thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thou-
sand she asses. He had also seven sons and three daughters. 13
And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name 14
of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Keren-
happuch. And in all the land were no women found so 15
fair as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them
inheritance among their brethren. After this lived Job a 16
hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons'
sons, even four generations. So Job died, being old and 17
full of days.

THE BOOK OF PSALMS.

PSALM I.

1 BLESSED is the man
That walketh not in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor standeth in the way of sinners,
Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
2 But his delight is in the law of Jehovah;
And in his law doth he meditate day and night.
3 And he is as a tree planted by streams of water,
That bringeth forth its fruit in its season;
And whose leaf withereth not;
And whatsoever he doeth will prosper.
4 Not so are the wicked;
But they are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
5 For the wicked shall not stand up in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
6 For Jehovah knoweth the way of the righteous;
But the way of the wicked will perish.

II.

1 Why do the Nations rage,
And the people imagine a vain thing?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against Jehovah, and against his anointed, [saying,]
3 'Let us break their bonds asunder,
'And cast away their cords from us.'
4 He that sitteth in the heavens will laugh;
The Lord will have them in derision.
5 Then will he speak unto them in his anger,
And make them tremble in his wrath, [saying,]
6 'Yet have I anointed my king
'Upon Zion my holy mountain.'
7 I will declare the decree of Jehovah.
He said unto me, 'Thou art my Son;
'This day have I begotten thee.
8 'Ask of me, and I will give nations for thine inheritance,
'And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
9 'Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron;
'Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings; 10
Be instructed, ye judges of the land.
Serve Jehovah with fear, 11
And rejoice with trembling.
Embrace purity, lest He be angry, 12
And ye perish from the way,
When his anger is kindled but a little.
Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

III.

A Psalm of David, when he fled from the face of Absalom his son.

O Jehovah, how are mine enemies increased! 1
Many are they that rise up against me.
Many there are that say of my soul, 2
'There is no help for him in God.' (A pause.)
But thou, O Jehovah, art a shield for me; 3
My glory, and the lifter up of mine head.
I cry unto Jehovah with my voice, 4
And he answereth me from his holy hill. (A pause.)
I laid me down and slept; 5
I awaked; for Jehovah sustaineth me.
I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, 6
That have set themselves against me round about.
Arise, O Jehovah; save me, O my God; 7
For thou hast smitten all mine enemies on the cheek bone;
Thou hast broken the teeth of the wicked.
Salvation belongeth unto Jehovah; 8
May thy blessing be upon thy people. (A pause.)

IV.

For the chief Musician on the stringed instruments, A Psalm of David.

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; 1
Thou didst enlarge me when I was in distress;
Have pity upon me, and hear my prayer.
O ye sons of men, how long shall my glory be a reproach? 2
Ye love vanity, and seek after falsehood. (A pause.)
But know that Jehovah hath set apart his holy one; 3
Jehovah will hear when I call unto him.
Tremble ye, and sin not; 4
Commune with your heart on your bed, and be still. (A pause.)
Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, 5

And put your trust in Jehovah.
6 There are many that say, 'Who will shew us any good?'
O Jehovah, lift up the light of thy countenance upon us.
7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
More than when their corn and grape juice increased.
8 In peace I both lay me down and sleep;
For thou alone, O Jehovah, makest me to dwell in safety.

V.

For the chief Musician upon the Pipes, A Psalm of David.

1 Give ear to my words, O Jehovah,
Consider my meditation,
2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry,
O my King, and my God; for to thee will I pray.
3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Jehovah;
In the morning will I turn myself to thee, and look up.
4 For thou art not a God that delighteth in wickedness;
Neither shall evil dwell with thee.
5 The foolish shall not stand before thine eyes;
Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.
6 Thou wilt destroy them that speak falsehood;
Jehovah abhorreth the man of blood and deceit.
7 But I will come to thy House in thy great kindness;
In fear of thee will I worship toward thy holy temple.
8 Lead me, O Jehovah, in thy righteousness
Because of mine enemies;
Make thy way straight before my face.
9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth;
Their inside is very wickedness;
Their throat is an open sepulchre;
They flatter with their tongue.
10 Do thou punish them, O God;
Let them fall by their own counsels;
Cast them out in the multitude of their trangressions;
For they have rebelled against thee.
11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice;
Let them ever sing for joy, and do thou defend them;
Let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.
12 For thou, O Jehovah, wilt bless the righteous;
With favour wilt thou encompass him as with a shield.

VI.

For the chief Musician on the stringed instruments, for the [lower] octave, A Psalm of David.

O Jehovah, rebuke me not in thine anger, 1
Neither chasten me in thy wrath.
Have mercy upon me, O Jehovah; for I am weak; 2
Heal me, O Jehovah; for my bones are vexed.
My soul is also sore vexed; 3
But thou, O Jehovah,—how long?
Return, O Jehovah, deliver my soul; 4
Oh save me for thy kindness' sake.
For in death there is no remembrance of thee; 5
In the grave who will give thee thanks?
I am weary with my groaning; 6
All the night make I my bed to swim;
I water my couch with my tears.
Mine eye is consumed because of grief; 7
It waxeth old because of all mine enemies.
Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; 8
For Jehovah hath heard the voice of my weeping.
Jehovah hath heard my supplication; 9
Jehovah will receive my prayer.
Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed; 10
Let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

VII.

A Hymn of David, which he sang unto Jehovah, in the matter of Cush the Benjamite.

O Jehovah my God, in thee do I put my trust; 1
Save me from all that persecute me; and deliver me;
Lest, like a lion, he tear my soul; 2
Rending it in pieces, while there is no deliverer.
O Jehovah my God, if I have done this; 3
If there be dishonesty in my hands;
If I have repaid evil to one at peace with me; 4
Or have plundered mine enemy without cause;
Let the enemy pursue my soul, and take it; 5
Yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth,
And lay mine honour in the dust. (A pause.)
Arise, O Jehovah, in thine anger, 6
Lift up thyself against the rage of mine enemies;
And awake for me to the appointed judgment.

7 So shall the congregation of the people surround thee;
For their sakes therefore return thou on high.
8 Jehovah will judge the people;
Judge me, O Jehovah, according to my righteousness,
And according to mine honesty that is in me.
9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked fail;
But establish thou the righteous man;
For the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.
10 My shield is with God, who saveth the upright in heart.
11 God judgeth the righteous, and is not angry every day.
12 If [the wicked] turn not, He will sharpen his sword;
He hath bent his bow, and made it ready.
13 He hath also prepared for him weapons of death;
He maketh his arrows against the persecutors.
14 Behold, one travaileth with iniquity,
And hath conceived mischief, and brought forth lies.
15 He hath made a pit, and digged it,
And he shall fall into the ditch which he hath made.
16 His mischief shall return upon his own head,
And his violence shall come down upon his own skull.
17 I will praise Jehovah according to his righteousness;
And will sing of the name of Jehovah most high.

VIII.

For the chief Musician upon the Guitar, A Psalm of David.

1 O Jehovah our Lord,
How excellent is thy name on all the earth!
Thou who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings
Hast thou ordained glory because of thine enemies,
To silence the enemy and the self-avenger.
3 When I see thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
The moon and the stars, which thou hast established;
4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him?
And a son of Adam, that thou visitest him?
5 For thou madest him a little lower than the gods,
And hast crowned him with glory and honour.
6 Thou madest him ruler over the works of thy hands;
Thou hast put all things under his feet;
7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;
8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea,
Which pass through the paths of the ocean.

O Jehovah our Lord, how excellent is thy name on all the earth! 9

IX.

For the chief Musician upon the White Virginals, A Psalm of David.

I will give thanks, O Jehovah, with my whole heart; 1
I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.
I will be glad and rejoice in thee; 2
I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High.
When mine enemies are turned back, 3
They will fall and perish at thy presence.
For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; 4
Thou satest in the throne judging righteously.
Thou hast rebuked the Nations, 5
Thou hast destroyed the wicked,
Thou hast blotted out their name for ever and ever.
The destructions of the enemy are wholly completed; 6
And thou hast destroyed their cities;
The memory of them is perished.
But Jehovah will endure for ever; 7
He hath prepared his throne for judgment.
And he will judge the world in righteousness, 8
He will rule over the people in uprightness.
Jehovah also will be a refuge for the oppressed, 9
A refuge in times of trouble.
And they that know thy name will trust in thee; 10
For thou, Jehovah, forsakest not them that seek thee.
Sing praise to Jehovah, who dwelleth in Zion; 11
Declare among the people his doings.
For he searcheth out bloodshed, he remembereth it; 12
He forgetteth not the cry of the afflicted.
Pity me, O Jehovah; see my trouble from them that hate me, 13
Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death;
So that I may shew forth all thy praise; 14
In the city gates of the daughter of Zion;
I will rejoice in thy salvation.
The Nations are sunk into the pit that they made; 15
In the net which they hid is their own foot taken.
Jehovah is known by the judgment executed; 16
The wicked is ensnared in the work of his own hands.
(Music during a pause.)

17 The wicked shall be sent back into hell,
And all the nations that forget God.
18 For the needy will not always be forgotten,
Or the expectation of the poor perish for ever.
19 Arise, O Jehovah; let not man prevail;
Let the Nations be judged in thy sight.
20 Put them in fear, O Jehovah;
Let the Nations know that they are men. (A pause.)

X.

1 Why standest thou afar off, O Jehovah?
Why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?
2 The wicked in pride doth persecute the poor;
Let them be taken in the purposes that they devise.
3 For the wicked boasteth of his soul's desire,
And the covetous blesseth himself.
4 The wicked despiseth Jehovah;
Through the pride of his countenance he will not inquire;
God is not in all his thoughts.
5 His ways will be always grievous.
Thy judgments are far above out of his sight;
As for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.
6 He saith in his heart, 'I shall never stumble;'
Because he hath not been in adversity.
7 His mouth is full of cursing and fraud and oppression;
Under his tongue is mischief and vanity.
8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages;
In secret places he murdereth the innocent;
His eyes are slily watching against the miserable.
9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den;
He lieth in wait to catch the poor;
He catcheth the poor, by drawing him into his net.
10 He croucheth, he stoopeth down,
That the miserable may fall by his strong ones.
11 He saith in his heart, 'God hath forgotten;
'He hideth his face; he will never see.'
12 Arise, O Jehovah; O God, lift up thine hand;
Forget not the afflicted.
13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God?
He saith in his heart, 'Thou wilt not require it.'
14 Thou lookest, when thou seest mischief and spite,
To requite it with thy hand;
The miserable committeth himself unto thee;

Thou art the helper of the fatherless.
Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man; 15
Seek out his wickedness till none be found.
Jehovah is King for ever and ever; 16
The Nations are perished out of his land.
O Jehovah, thou hearest the desire of the afflicted; 17
Thou preparest their heart, thou inclinest thine ear,
To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, 18
That man who is of the earth may no more oppress.

XI.

For the chief Musician, [A Psalm] of David.

In Jehovah I put my trust; how say ye to my soul, 1
'Flee as a bird to your mountain'?
For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, 2
They make ready their arrow upon the string,
To shoot in the dark at the upright in heart.
If the pillars [or princes] are destroyed, 3
What can the righteous man do?
Jehovah is in his holy temple, 4
Jehovah's throne is in the heavens;
His eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of Adam.
Jehovah trieth the righteous; 5
But the wicked and lover of violence his soul hateth.
On the wicked he will rain flakes of fire and brimstone, 6
And a burning wind will be the portion of their cup.
For the righteous Jehovah loveth righteousness; 7
The upright shall behold his face.

XII.

For the chief Musician on the [lower] octave, A Psalm of David.

Help, O Jehovah; for the holy man faileth; 1
For the faithful cease from among the children of Adam.
They speak falsehood every one with his neighbour; 2
They speak with smooth lips, but with a double heart.
Jehovah will cut off all flattering lips, 3
And the tongue that speaketh proud things;
They have said, 'With our tongue will we prevail; 4
'Our lips are our own; who is lord over us?'
'Because of the oppression of the poor, 5
'Because of the sighing of the needy,
'Now will I arise,' saith Jehovah;
'I will set him in safety whom men scorn.'

6 The words of Jehovah are pure words;
As silver tried in a furnace on the ground,
Purified seven times.
7 Thou wilt keep them, O Jehovah,
Thou wilt preserve them from this generation for ever.
8 The wicked walk about on every side,
As a great terror to the children of Adam.

XIII.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David

1 How long wilt thou wholly forget me, O Jehovah?
How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul,
Having sorrow in my heart daily?
How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?
3 Look and answer me, O Jehovah my God;
Enlighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;
4 Lest mine enemy say, 'I have prevailed against him;'
And those that trouble me rejoice when I fall away.
5 But I have trusted in thy mercy;
My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.
6 I will sing unto Jehovah, because he hath rewarded me.

XIV.

For the chief Musician, [A Psalm] of David.

1 The fool saith in his heart, 'There is no God.'
They are corrupt, they have done abominable works,
There is none that doeth good.
2 Jehovah looked down from heaven on the sons of Adam,
To see if any did understand, and seek God.
3 Are all gone aside together, are they become filthy?
Is there none that doeth good, not even one?
4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge?
Who eat up my people as they eat bread,
And call not upon Jehovah.
5 There they feared with a great fear;
For God is in the generation of the righteous.
6 Ye put to shame the counsel of the poor,
Because Jehovah is his refuge.
7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!
When Jehovah bringeth home the captivity of his people,
Jacob will rejoice, and Israel will be glad.

XV.

A Psalm of David.

O Jehovah, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? 1
Who shall dwell on thy holy mountain?
He that walketh uprightly, and doeth righteousness, 2
And speaketh the truth in his heart.
He that backbiteth not with his tongue, 3
Nor doeth evil to his friend,
Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.
In whose eyes a vile person is despised; 4
But he honoureth them that fear Jehovah.
He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.
He that putteth not out his money to usury, 5
Nor taketh a bribe against the innocent.
He that doeth these things shall never be troubled.

XVI.

A Poem of David.

Preserve me, O God; for in thee do I put my trust. 1
I said unto Jehovah, 'Thou art my Lord, 2
'And my goodness; nothing is above thee;'
And unto the holy ones that are on the earth, 3
'In them, and in the excellent, is all my delight.'
They multiply their sorrows that hasten elsewhere; 4
Their drink offerings of blood will I not pour out,
Nor take up their names upon my lips.
Jehovah is the portion of my inheritance and my cup; 5
Thou maintainest my lot.
The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; 6
Yea, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless Jehovah, who hath given me counsel; 7
My reins also instruct me in the night season.
I have set Jehovah always before me; 8
Because he is at my right hand, I shall not stumble.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my liver rejoiceth; 9
My flesh also will dwell in hope.
For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; 10
Nor suffer thy godly one to see corruption.
Thou wilt shew me the path of life; 11
In thy presence is fulness of joy;
At thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

XVII.

A Prayer of David.

Hear the righteous, O Jehovah, attend to my cry,
Give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of deceitful lips.
Let the judgment on me come forth from thy Presence;
Thine eyes behold the things that are right.
Thou provest my heart; thou visitest me by night;
Thou hast tried me, and findest nothing;
I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.
In my works as a man, by the command of thy lips,
I have kept me from the paths of the violent.
Hold thou up my goings in thy paths,
That my footsteps slip not.
I call upon thee, for thou wilt answer me, O God;
Incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.
Shew thy kindness, O thou that savest them that trust,
From those that rise up against thy right hand.
Keep me as the apple of thine eye,
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings,
From the wicked that oppress me,
From enemies against my life, who encompass me.
They are enclosed in their own fat;
With their mouth they speak proudly.
They have already encompassed us in our steps;
They have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;
Their likeness is as a lion greedy of his prey,
And as a young lion lurking in secret places.
Arise, O Jehovah, disappoint him, cast him down;
Deliver my soul from the wicked by thy sword,
From men by thy hand, O Jehovah,
From men of this age, whose portion is in this life,
And whose belly thou fillest with thy treasure;
Their children have enough,
And they leave their residue to their babes.
As for me, I shall behold thy face in righteousness;
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

XVIII.

For the chief Musician, [A Psalm] of David, the servant of Jehovah, who spake unto Jehovah the words of this song on the day that Jehovah delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul; and he said,

I will love thee tenderly, O Jehovah, my strength; 1
O Jehovah, my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; 2
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;
My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower.
With praises I will call upon Jehovah; 3
So shall I be saved from mine enemies.
The sorrows of death have encompassed me, 4
And the floods of wickedness make me afraid.
The cords of hell are around me; 5
The snares of death are before me.
In my distress I call on Jehovah, and cry to my God. 6
He heareth my voice out of his temple,
And my cry cometh before him, into his ears.
Then the earth shook and trembled; 7
The foundations also of the hills were disquieted,
And they were shaken, because he was wroth.
There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, 8
And fire out of his mouth devoured;
Coals were kindled by it.
He bowed the heavens also, and came down; 9
And darkness was under his feet.
And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly; 10
Yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.
He made darkness his secret place around him; 11
His pavilion was dark waters and cloudy skies.
At the brightness of his presence his clouds passed off; 12
There were hail-stones and coals of fire.
Jehovah also thundered in the heavens, 13
And the Most High gave forth his voice;
There were hail-stones and coals of fire.
Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; 14
And he multiplied lightnings, and discomfited them.
Then the channels of the waters were seen, 15
And the foundations of the world were laid bare
At thy rebuke, O Jehovah,
At the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.
He sent from above, he took me, 16
He raised me up out of great waters.
He delivered me from my strong enemy, 17
And from them that hate me; for they were too strong for me.
They came against me in the day of my calamity; 18

But Jehovah was my support.
19 He brought me forth also into open space;
He delivered me, because he delighted in me.
20 Jehovah rewarded me according to my righteousness;
According to the cleanness of my hands he recompensed me.
21 For I have kept the ways of Jehovah,
And have not wickedly departed from my God.
22 For all his judgments were before me,
And I did not put away his statutes from me.
23 I was also upright before him,
And I kept myself from mine iniquity.
24 And Jehovah recompensed me according to my righteousness,
According to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.
25 With the merciful thou shewest thyself merciful;
With an upright man thou shewest thyself upright;
26 With the pure thou shewest thyself pure;
And with the froward thou shewest thyself perverse.
27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people;
But wilt bring down lofty looks.
28 For thou wilt give light to my lamp;
Jehovah my God will enlighten my darkness.
29 For by thee I have run through a troop;
And by my God have I leaped over a wall.
30 The way of God is perfect, the word of Jehovah is tried;
He is a shield to all those that trust in him.
31 For who is God save Jehovah?
Or who is a rock except our God?
32 It is God that girdeth me with strength,
And he maketh my way perfect.
33 He maketh my feet like deer's feet,
And setteth me upon my high places.
34 He teacheth my hands to war,
So that a bow of copper is bent by mine arms.
35 Thou also givest me the shield of thy salvation;
And thy right hand holdeth me up,
And thy gentleness maketh me great.
36 Thou hast widened my steps under me,
And my ankles do not totter.
37 I pursued mine enemies, and overtook them;
Neither did I turn back till they were consumed.
38 I wounded them so that they are not able to rise;

They are fallen under my feet.
For thou girdedst me with strength for battle; 39
Thou subduedst under me those that rose up against me.
Thou also gavest me the necks of mine enemies, 40
That I might destroy them that hate me.
They cried, but there was none to save them; 41
Even unto Jehovah, but he answered them not.
Then did I beat them small as dust before the wind; 42
I did cast them out as the dirt into the streets.
Thou deliverest me from the strivings of the people; 43
And thou makest me the head of the Nations;
People whom I have not known serve me.
When their ears hear of me, they obey me; 44
The sons of the stranger fawn before me.
The sons of the stranger fade away, 45
And tremble within their prisons.
Jehovah liveth; and blessed be my Rock; 46
And let the God of my salvation be exalted;
The God that granteth vengeance to me, 47
And subdueth the people unto me.
He delivereth me from mine enemies; 48
Yea, thou liftest me up from those that rise up against me;
Thou hast delivered me from the violent man.
Therefore will I confess thee, O Jehovah, among the 49
Nations,
And I will sing praises unto thy name.
A tower of salvation is He to his king; 50
And he sheweth mercy to his anointed,
To David, and to his seed for evermore.

XIX.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.
The heavens declare the glory of God; 1
And the firmament sheweth his handywork.
Day unto day uttereth speech, 2
And night unto night sheweth knowledge.
Though there is no speech nor words, 3
Though their voice is not heard;
Yet their music is gone out through all the earth, 4
And their words to the end of the world.
In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
Who is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber; 5
He rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth is from one end of the heavens,
And his circuit unto the other end thereof;
And there is nothing hid from his heat.
7 The law of Jehovah is perfect, restoring the soul;
The testimony of Jehovah is sure, making wise the simple.
8 The statutes of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart;
The command of Jehovah is pure, enlightening the eyes;
9 The fear of Jehovah is clean, enduring for ever.
The judgments of Jehovah are true and wholly just;
10 More desirable than gold, yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey or the droppings of the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned;
And in keeping of them there is great reward.
12 Who can understand his sins of ignorance?
Cleanse thou me from hidden faults.
13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins;
Let them not have dominion over me;
Then shall I be upright, and innocent of great transgression.
14 Let the words of my mouth be acceptable,
And the meditation of my heart come before thee,
O Jehovah, my strength, and my redeemer.

XX.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

1 May Jehovah answer thee in the day of trouble;
May the name of the God of Jacob defend thee.
2 May he send thee help from the sanctuary,
And strengthen thee out of Zion.
3 May he remember all thy meal offerings,
And be pleased with thy burnt offerings. (A pause.)
4 May he grant to thee according to thine own heart,
And may he fulfil all thy counsel.
5 We will rejoice in thy salvation,
And will set up banners in the name of our God;
May Jehovah fulfil all thy petitions.
6 Now know I that Jehovah saveth his anointed;
He answereth him from his holy heavens
With the saving strength of his right hand.
7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses;
But we will remember the name of Jehovah our God.
8 They are brought down and fallen;
But we are risen up, and stand upright.

O Jehovah, save the king. 9
He will answer us in the day when we call.

XXI.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

The king doth joy in thy strength, O Jehovah; 1
And in thy salvation how greatly doth he rejoice!
Thou hast given him his heart's desire, 2
And hast not withheld the request of his lips. (A pause.)
For thou puttest before him the blessings of goodness; 3
Thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.
He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, 4
Even length of days for ever and ever.
His glory is great in thy salvation; 5
Honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.
For thou hast made him most blessed for ever; 6
Thou gladdenest him in the joy of thy countenance.
For the king trusteth in Jehovah, 7
And by the kindness of the Most High he will not be moved.
Thine hand will find out all thine enemies; 8
Thy right hand will find out those that hate thee.
Thou wilt make them as a fiery furnace in the time of thine anger; 9
Jehovah will swallow them up in his wrath,
And the fire will devour them.
Their fruit wilt thou destroy from the earth, 10
And their seed from among the children of Adam.
For they intended evil against thee; 11
They imagined mischief, which they could not perform.
Therefore thou makest them turn their back, 12
Thou makest ready upon thy bow-strings against them.
Be thou exalted, O Jehovah, in thy strength; 13
So will we sing and praise thy power.

XXII.

For the chief Musician, for [the tune of] The Stag of the Morning; A Psalm of David.

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? 1
So far from my salvation, and from the words of my cry?
O my God, I call by day, but thou answerest not; 2
And in the night time, yet I have no ease.
But thou art the Holy One, 3

That dwellest among the praises of Israel.
4 Our fathers trusted in thee;
They trusted, and thou didst deliver them.
5 They cried unto thee, and were rescued;
They trusted in thee, and were not confounded.
6 But I am a worm, and not a man;
The reproach of men, and the despised of the people.
7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn;
They pout with the lip, they shake the head, [saying,]
8 'He rejoiced in Jehovah, let him deliver him;
'Let him save him, seeing that he delighteth in him.'
9 But thou art he that took me out of the womb,
Giving me trust, even on my mother's breast.
10 I was cast upon thee from the womb;
Thou hast been my God from my mother's body.
11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near;
For there is no one to help.
12 Many Bulls [or the Syrians] have encompassed me;
Strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.
13 They gape upon me with their mouths,
As a ravening and roaring lion.
14 I am poured out like water,
And all my bones are out of joint;
My heart, like wax, is melted within my bowels.
15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd;
And my tongue cleaveth to my jaws;
And thou hast laid me in the dust of death.
16 For the Dogs have encompassed me;
The assembly of the wicked have gone round me;
Like a lion, my hands and my feet.
17 I can count all my bones;
They look and stare upon me.
18 They part my garments among them,
And cast lots for my vesture.
19 But be not thou far from me, O Jehovah;
O my strength, haste thee to help me.
20 Deliver my soul from the sword;
My precious [life] from the hand of the Dog.
21 Thou savedst me from the mouth of the Lion [or Assyria];
And didst answer me from the horns of the Buffaloes [or Egyptians].
22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren;

In the midst of the assembly will I praise thee.
Ye that fear Jehovah, praise him; 23
All ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him;
And be afraid of him, all ye the seed of Israel.
For he hath not despised 24
Nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
Neither hath he hidden his face from him;
But when he cried unto him, he heard.
My praise of thee shall be in the great assembly. 25
I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
The meek will eat and be satisfied; 26
They that seek him will praise Jehovah;
Your hearts will live for ever.
They will remember and return to Jehovah, 27
Even all the ends of the earth;
And all the families of the nations will worship before thee.
For the kingdom is Jehovah's; 28
And he ruleth among the nations.
All the rich ones of the earth shall eat and worship; 29
All they that go down to the dust shall bow before him;
Even he who could not keep alive his own soul.
Their seed shall serve him; 30
It shall be accounted Jehovah's for generations.
They will come and declare his righteousness, 31
To a people that shall be born, what he hath done.

XXIII.

A Psalm of David.
Jehovah is my shepherd; I shall not want. 1
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; 2
He leadeth me unto the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; he guideth me 3
In the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, 4
I shall fear no evil, for thou wilt be with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they will comfort me.
Thou spreadest a table for me in sight of my enemies; 5
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Yea, goodness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; 6
And I will dwell in the house of Jehovah to the end of my days.

XXIV.

A Psalm of David.

1 The earth is Jehovah's, and the fulness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein.
2 For he founded it upon the ocean,
And established it upon the floods.
3 Who shall ascend on to the mountain of Jehovah?
Or who shall stand up in his holy place?
4 He that is clean of hands, and pure of heart;
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,
Nor sworn deceitfully.
5 He will receive the blessing from Jehovah,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6 This is the generation of them that inquire of him,
That seek thy face, O Jacob. (A pause.)
7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of glory will come in.
8 'Who is this King of glory?'
Jehovah strong and mighty, Jehovah mighty in battle.
9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
Even lift them up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of glory will come in.
10 'Who is he, this king of glory?'
Jehovah of hosts, he is the King of glory. (A pause.)

XXV.

[A Psalm] of David.

1 א Unto thee, O Jehovah,
2 I lift up my soul, O my God.
ב In thee do I trust; let me not be ashamed;
Let not mine enemies triumph over me.
3 ג Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed;
Let them be ashamed who transgress without cause.
4 ד Make known unto me thy ways, O Jehovah;
Teach me thy paths.
5 ה Lead me in thy truth, and teach me;
For thou art the God of my salvation;
On thee do I wait all the day.
6 ו Remember, O Jehovah, thy tender mercies,
And thy kindnesses; for they have been from of old.
7 ז The sins of my youth, and my transgressions,
Thou rememberest not, according to thy kindness;

Remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Jehovah.
ט Good and upright is Jehovah; 8
Therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
י The meek will he guide in judgment; 9
And the meek will he teach his way.
כ All the paths of Jehovah are kindness and truth, 10
To such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
ל For thy name's sake, O Jehovah, 11
Pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.
מ What man is he that feareth Jehovah? 12
Him will he teach in the way that he should choose.
נ His soul will dwell in prosperity; 13
And his seed will possess the land.
ס The friendship of Jehovah is with them that fear him; 14
And to them will he make known his covenant.
ע Mine eyes are ever toward Jehovah; 15
For he will pluck my feet out of the net.
פ Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; 16
For I am solitary and afflicted.
צ The troubles of my heart are enlarged; 17
O bring thou me out of my distresses.
ר Look upon mine affliction and my pain; 18
And forgive all my sins.
ר Look upon mine enemies; for they are many; 19
And they hate me with a cruel hatred.
ש Keep thou my soul, and deliver me; 20
Let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.
ת Let honesty and uprightness preserve me; 21
For I wait on thee.
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles. 22

XXVI.

[A Psalm] of David.
Judge me, O Jehovah; for I walk in my honesty; 1
I trust also in Jehovah; I shall not slip.
Examine me, O Jehovah, and prove me; 2
Try my reins and my heart.
For thy loving kindness is before mine eyes; 3
And I have walked in thy truth.
I have not sat with vain persons, 4
Neither will I go in with dissemblers.
I hate the assembly of evil doers; 5
And will not sit with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence;
So will I go about thine altar, O Jehovah;
7 To publish with the voice of thanksgiving,
And to relate all thy wondrous works.
8 O Jehovah, I have loved the habitation of thy House,
And the place of the Tabernacle of thy Glory.
9 Take not away my soul with sinners,
Nor my life with men of bloodshed;
10 In whose hands is mischief,
And their right hand is full of bribes.
11 But I will walk in my honesty;
Redeem thou me, and be merciful unto me.
12 My foot standeth on even ground;
In the assemblies will I bless Jehovah.

XXVII.

[A Psalm] of David.

1 Jehovah is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
Jehovah is the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?
2 When the wicked came upon me to eat up my flesh,
My enemies and my foes, they stumbled and fell.
3 If a host encamp against me, my heart will not fear;
If war rise against me, in this will I be confident.
4 One thing have I asked of Jehovah, that do I seek after;
That I may dwell in the House of Jehovah all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of Jehovah,
And to inquire in his temple.
5 For in the evil day he will hide me in his Tabernacle;
In the secret place of his Tent will he conceal me;
He will set me up upon a rock.
6 And now my head is raised above the enemies around me;
And I will offer at his Tent sacrifices of joy;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto Jehovah.
7 Hear, O Jehovah, my voice when I cry;
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
8 My heart saith, speaking for thee, 'Seek ye my face;'
Thy face, O Jehovah, I will seek.
9 Hide not thy face from me;
Put not thy servant away in anger;
Thou hast been my help; leave me not,

Neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
When my father and my mother forsake me, 10
Then Jehovah will take me up.
Teach me thy way, O Jehovah, 11
And lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.
Deliver me not over to the will of mine enemies; 12
For false witnesses are risen up against me,
And such as breathe forth cruelty.
And yet I trust to see the goodness of Jehovah 13
In the land of the living.
Wait on Jehovah; be of good courage, 14
And he will strengthen thy heart;
Then wait thou on Jehovah.

XXVIII.

[A Psalm] of David.
Unto thee will I cry, O Jehovah my rock; 1
Be not deaf to me; lest, if thou be silent to me,
I be like them that go down into the pit.
Hear the voice of my supplication when I cry to thee, 2
When I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.
Draw me not away with the wicked, 3
And with the workers of iniquity,
Who speak peace to their neighbours,
But mischief is in their hearts.
Give unto them according to their deeds, 4
And according to the wickedness of their doings;
Give unto them after the work of their hands;
Render back to them their deserts.
Because they regard not the doings of Jehovah, 5
Nor the work of his hands,
He will destroy them, and not build them up.
Blessed be Jehovah, 6
For he hath heard the voice of my supplication.
Jehovah is my strength and my shield; 7
My heart trusted in him, and I am helped;
And my heart greatly rejoiceth;
And with my song will I give thanks unto him.
Jehovah is their strength, 8
And he is the saving strength of his anointed.
Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance; 9
Feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

XXIX.

A Psalm of David.

1 Give unto Jehovah, O ye sons of the mighty,
Give unto Jehovah glory and strength.
2 Give unto Jehovah the glory due to his name;
Worship Jehovah in robes of holiness.
3 The voice of Jehovah is upon the waters;
The God of glory thundereth, Jehovah is upon many waters.
4 The voice of Jehovah is powerful;
The voice of Jehovah is full of majesty.
5 The voice of Jehovah breaketh the cedars;
Yea, Jehovah breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.
6 He maketh Lebanon also to skip like a calf;
And Sirion [or Mount Hermon] like a young buffalo.
7 The voice of Jehovah divideth the flames of fire.
8 The voice of Jehovah shaketh the desert;
Jehovah shaketh the desert of Kadesh.
9 The voice of Jehovah maketh the hinds to calve,
And layeth bare the forests;
And in his temple every thing speaketh of his glory.
10 Jehovah was sitting at the time of the Flood;
Yea, Jehovah will sit a King for ever.
11 Jehovah will give strength unto his people;
Jehovah will bless his people with peace.

XXX.

A Psalm or Song of David, at the dedication of the House.

1 I will extol thee, O Jehovah; for thou hast lifted me up,
And hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.
2 O Jehovah my God, I cry to thee, and thou healest me.
3 O Jehovah, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave;
Thou keepest me alive from those that go down to the pit.
4 Sing unto Jehovah, O ye his godly ones,
And give thanks at the memory of his holiness.
5 For his anger is for a moment; his favour for life;
Weeping may lodge with us for the night,
But there will be joy in the morning.
6 And in my prosperity I said, 'I shall never be moved.'
7 O Jehovah, by thy favour
Thou hast made my mountain to stand firm;
Thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.

I cried to thee, O Jehovah;
And unto Jehovah I made supplication.
What profit will there be in my blood, 9
When I go down to corruption?
Will the dust praise thee? Will it declare thy truth?
Hear, O Jehovah, and have mercy upon me; 10
O Jehovah, be thou my helper.
Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing; 11
Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with joy;
That my liver [or heart] may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. 12
O Jehovah my God, I will praise thee for ever.

XXXI.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.
In thee, O Jehovah, do I trust; let me never be ashamed; 1
Deliver me in thy righteousness.
Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily; 2
Be to me a strong rock, a house of defence to save me.
For thou art my rock and my fortress; 3
Therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.
Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me; 4
For thou art my stronghold.
Into thine hand I commit my spirit; 5
Thou hast redeemed me, O Jehovah the God of truth.
I hate them that regard lying vanities; 6
But I have put trust in Jehovah.
I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy; 7
For thou hast seen my trouble;
Thou hast known my soul in adversities;
And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; 8
Thou hast set my foot in open space.
Have pity on me, O Jehovah, for I am in trouble; 9
Mine eye, my soul, and my belly, are wasted with grief.
For my life is spent in grief, and my years in sighing; 10
My strength faileth because of mine affliction,
And my bones are wasted away.
I was a reproach among all mine enemies, 11
But mostly among my neighbours,
And a fear to mine acquaintance;
They that did see me in the street fled from me.
I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind; 12
I am become like a broken vessel.

13 For I have heard the slander of many;
Terror was on all sides;
While they took counsel together against me,
While they devised to take away my life.
14 But I trusted in thee, O Jehovah;
I said, 'Thou art my God.'
15 My times are in thy hand; deliver thou me
From the hand of mine enemies and my persecutors.
16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant;
Save me for thy mercies' sake.
17 Let me not be ashamed, O Jehovah, when I call on thee;
Let the wicked be ashamed, let them be silent in Hell.
18 Let the lying lips be put to silence;
Which speak grievous things against the righteous,
Proudly and contemptuously.
19 How great is thy goodness,
Which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee;
Thy doings for them that trust in thee
In presence of the sons of Adam!
20 Thou hidest them in the secret place of thy presence,
From the conspiracies of man thou hidest them,
In a tabernacle far from the strife of tongues.
21 Blessed be Jehovah; for he hath wrought marvellously
His loving kindness to me in a strong city.
22 For I had said in my fear, 'I am cut off from before thine eyes;'
But thou heardest the voice of my supplications
When I cried unto thee.
23 O love Jehovah, all ye that are godly;
For Jehovah preserveth the faithful,
But plentifully repayeth the proud doer.
24 Be of good courage, and he will strengthen your heart,
All ye that hope in Jehovah.

XXXII.

A Poem of David.

1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.
2 Blessed is the man to whom Jehovah imputeth not iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no guile.
3 When I kept silence, my bones wasted away
Through my roaring all the day long.
4 For by day and night thy hand was heavy upon me;

My moisture is turned into the drought of summer. (A pause.)
I acknowledge my sin unto thee, 5
And mine iniquity have I not hidden.
I said, 'I will confess my transgression to Jehovah;'
And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. (A pause.)
For this will every godly man pray to thee; 6
In a time of mischance, yea, in a flood of great waters
They shall not come nigh unto him.
Thou art my hiding place; 7
Thou preservest me from trouble;
Thou encompassest me with songs of deliverance. (A pause.)
'I will instruct thee and teach thee 8
'In the way which thou shalt go;
'I will counsel thee with mine eye upon thee.
'Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, of no understanding; 9
'Who are held in with bit and bridle as with head-gear,
'Lest they come near unto thee.
'Many will be the sorrows of the wicked; 10
'But him that trusteth in Jehovah mercy surroundeth.'
Be glad in Jehovah, and rejoice, ye righteous; 11
And shout for joy, all ye upright in heart.

XXXIII.

Shout for joy in Jehovah, O ye righteous; 1
For praise is comely for the upright.
Give thanks unto Jehovah with the harp; 2
Sing unto him with the psaltery of ten strings.
Sing unto him a new song; 3
Sound the strings skilfully with a loud noise.
For the word of Jehovah is right; 4
And all his works are done in truth.
He loveth righteousness and judgment; 5
The earth is full of the kindness of Jehovah.
By the word of Jehovah were the heavens made; 6
And all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
He gathered the waters of the sea as a heap; 7
He laid up the deep in storehouses.
Let all the earth fear Jehovah; 8
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
For he speaketh, and it cometh to pass; 9
He commandeth, and it standeth fast.

10 Jehovah bringeth the counsel of the Nations to nought;
He maketh the devices of the people of none effect.
11 The counsel of Jehovah standeth for ever,
The thoughts of his heart to all generations.
12 Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah;
The people whom he hath chosen for his inheritance.
13 Jehovah looketh from heaven;
He beholdeth all the children of Adam.
14 From the place of his habitation he looketh
Upon all the inhabitants of the earth.
15 He fashioneth their hearts alike;
He considereth all their doings.
16 No king is saved by the multitude of a host;
A warrior is not delivered by much strength.
17 A horse is a vain thing for safety;
Neither can he deliver by his great strength.
18 Behold, the eye of Jehovah is on them that fear him,
Upon them that hope in his mercy;
19 To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.
20 Our soul waiteth for Jehovah;
He is our help and our shield.
21 For our heart rejoiceth in him,
Because we have trusted in his holy Name.
22 Let thy mercy, O Jehovah, be upon us,
According as we hope in thee.

XXXIV.

[A Psalm] of David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.

1 א I will bless Jehovah at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 ב My soul shall make her boast in Jehovah;
The humble shall hear, and be glad.
3 ג O magnify Jehovah with me,
And let us exalt his name together.
4 ד I inquired of Jehovah, and he answered me,
And he delivered me from all my fears.
5 ה They looked to him, and were comforted;
And their faces were not ashamed.
6 ז This poor man cried, and Jehovah heard,
And saved him out of all his troubles.

ח The angel of Jehovah encampeth 7
Around them that fear him, and he delivereth them.
ט Taste ye, and see that Jehovah is good; 8
Blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
י O fear Jehovah, ye his holy ones; 9
For there is no want to them that fear him.
כ Young lions do lack, and suffer hunger; 10
But they that seek Jehovah will not want any good thing.
ל Come, ye children, hearken unto me; 11
I will teach you the fear of Jehovah.
מ What man is he that desireth life, 12
And loveth many days, that he may see good?
נ Keep thy tongue from evil, 13
And thy lips from speaking guile.
ס Depart from evil, and do good; 14
Seek peace, and pursue it.
ע The eyes of Jehovah are upon the righteous, 15
And his ears are towards their cry.
פ The face of Jehovah is against them that do evil, 16
To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
צ When men cry, Jehovah heareth, 17
And delivereth them out of all their troubles.
ק Jehovah is nigh unto the broken-hearted; 18
And saveth such as are of a contrite spirit.
ר Many are the afflictions of the righteous; 19
But Jehovah delivereth him out of them all.
ש He keepeth all his bones; 20
Not one of them is broken.
ת Evil will slay the wicked; 21
And they that hate the righteous will be punished.
Jehovah redeemeth the soul of his servants; 22
And none of them that trust in him will be condemned.

XXXV.

[A Psalm] of David.

Plead, O Jehovah, against them that plead against me; 1
Fight against them that fight against me.
Take hold of shield and buckler, 2
And stand up for a help to me.
Draw out also the spear, and stop the way 3
Against the approach of them that persecute me;
Say unto my soul, 'I am thy salvation.'
Let them be ashamed and disgraced that seek my life; 4

Let them be turned back and put to shame that devise my hurt.
5 Let them be as chaff before the wind;
And let the angel of Jehovah chase them.
6 Let their way be dark and slippery;
And let the angel of Jehovah persecute them.
7 For without cause have they hidden a pit for me;
Without cause they have sunk their net for my soul.
8 Let destruction come upon him unawares;
And let his net that he hath hidden catch himself;
Into that very destruction let him fall.
9 And my soul shall be joyful in Jehovah;
It shall rejoice in his salvation.
10 All my bones shall say, 'O Jehovah, who is like unto thee,
'Who savest the poor from him that is too strong for him,
'Yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?'
11 Injurious witnesses did rise up;
They laid to my charge things that I knew not.
12 They would reward me evil for good,
To the depriving me of life.
13 But when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth;
I afflicted my soul with fasting;
And my prayer returned into mine own bosom.
14 I behaved myself as unto my friend or brother;
I bowed in heaviness, as one mourning for his mother.
15 But on my limping they rejoiced, and came together;
Smiters came together against me, whom I knew not;
They did tear me, and ceased not;
16 On my defilement they insultingly mocked me,
They gnashed at me with their teeth.
17 O Lord, how long wilt thou look on?
Rescue my soul from their destructions,
My precious [life] from the young lions.
18 I will give thee thanks in the great assembly;
I will praise thee among much people.
19 Let not my false foes rejoice over me;
Or them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.
20 For they speak not peace;
But against the quiet ones of the land
They devise words of deceit.
21 Yea, they open their mouth wide against me.
They say, 'Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.'

This thou hast seen, O Jehovah; keep not silence; 22
O Lord, be not far from me.
Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, 23
Even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.
Judge me, O Jehovah my God, in thy righteousness; 24
And let them not rejoice over me.
Let them not say in their hearts, 'Ah, it was our wish.' 25
Let them not say, 'We have swallowed him up.'
Let them be ashamed and confounded together 26
That rejoice at mine hurt;
Let them be clothed with shame and dishonour
That magnify themselves against me.
Let them shout for joy, and be glad, 27
That delight in my righteous cause;
Yea, let them say continually, 'May Jehovah be magnified,
'Who hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.'
And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness 28
And of thy praise all the day long.

XXXVI.

For the chief Musician, [A Psalm] of David the servant of Jehovah.

The unholy speech of the wicked is in my heart, 1
There is no fear of God before his eyes,
(For he flattereth himself in his own eyes,) 2
To find his iniquity to hate it.
The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit; 3
He hath left off to be wise, and to do good.
He deviseth mischief upon his bed; 4
He setteth himself in a way that is not good;
He abhorreth not evil.
Thy kindness, O Jehovah, is in the heavens; 5
And thy faithfulness reacheth unto the skies.
Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God; 6
Thy judgments are a great deep;
Thou preservest man and beast, O Jehovah.
How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God! 7
And the sons of Adam trust in the shade of thy wings.
They are watered with the fatness of thy House; 8
And thou makest them drink of the river of thy pleasures.
For with thee is the wellspring of life; 9
In thy light shall we see light.
O continue thy kindness to them that know thee; 10

And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.
11 Let not the foot of pride come against me,
And let not the hand of the wicked remove me.
12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen;
They are thrust down, and will not be able to rise.

XXXVII.

[A Psalm] of David.

1 א Fret not thyself because of evil doers,
Be not envious against the workers of iniquity.
2 For they will soon be cut down like the grass,
And they will wither as the green herb.
3 ב Trust in Jehovah, and do good;
Dwell in the Land, and thou wilt assuredly be fed;
4 Delight thyself also in Jehovah;
And he will give thee the desires of thine heart.
5 ג Commit thy way unto Jehovah;
Trust also in him; and he will bring it to pass.
6 And he will bring forth thy righteousness as the light,
And thy cause as the noonday.
7 ד Wait patiently on Jehovah, and trust in him;
Fret not thyself at him who prospereth in his way,
At the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
8 ה Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;
Fret not thyself in any wise so as to do evil.
9 For evil doers will be cut off;
But those that wait upon Jehovah will possess the land.
10 ו For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be;
Yea, thou shalt consider his place, and it shall not be.
11 But the meek will inherit the land;
And will delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
12 ז The wicked plotteth against the righteous,
And gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
13 The Lord will laugh at him;
For he seeth that his day is coming.
14 ח The wicked draw the sword, and bend their bow,
To cast down the poor and needy,
And to slay such as are upright in their path.
15 Their sword will enter into their own heart,
And their bows will be broken.
16 ט A little that a righteous man hath is better
Than the riches of many wicked.
17 For the arms of the wicked will be broken;

But Jehovah upholdeth the righteous.
י Jehovah knoweth the days of the upright; 18
And their inheritance will be for ever.
They will not be put to shame in the evil time; 19
And in the days of famine they will be satisfied.
כ But the wicked will perish, 20
And the enemies of Jehovah will be as the fat of lambs;
They will consume; into smoke will they consume.
ל The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again; 21
But the righteous sheweth pity, and giveth.
For such as are blessed by Him will possess the land; 22
And they that are cursed by Him will be cut off.
מ The steps of a man are ordered by Jehovah; 23
And he delighteth in his way.
Though he fall, he will not be utterly cast down; 24
For Jehovah upholdeth him with his hand.
נ I have been young, and now am old; 25
Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken,
Nor his seed begging bread.
He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed. 26
ס Depart from evil, and do good; 27
And thou shalt dwell for evermore.
For Jehovah loveth justice, and forsaketh not his saints; 28
ע They are preserved for ever;
But the seed of the wicked will be cut off.
The righteous will possess the land, 29
And will dwell therein for ever.
פ The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, 30
And his tongue talketh of judgment.
The law of his God is in his heart; 31
None of his steps will slip.
צ The wicked watcheth against the righteous, 32
And seeketh to put him to death.
Jehovah will not leave him in his hand, 33
Nor condemn him when he is judged.
ק Wait upon Jehovah, and keep his way, 34
And he will exalt thee to possess the land;
When the wicked are cut off, thou wilt see it.
ר I have seen the wicked causing great terror, 35
And spreading like a green tree in its own soil.
Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not; 36
Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

37 ש Mark the honest man, and behold the upright;
For the posterity of that man will be in peace.
38 But the transgressors will be destroyed together;
The posterity of the wicked will be cut off.
39 ת And the salvation of the righteous is from Jehovah;
He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.
40 And Jehovah will help them, and deliver them;
He will deliver them from the wicked, and save them,
Because they trust in him.

XXXVIII.

A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

1 O Jehovah, rebuke me not in thy hot displeasure;
Neither chasten me in thy wrath.
2 For thine arrows have sunk deep into me,
And thy hand presseth me down.
3 In my flesh is no soundness, because of thine anger;
Nor health in my bones, because of my sin.
4 For mine iniquities are passed over mine head;
As a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
5 My wounds stink, they are corrupt because of my folly.
6 I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly;
I go mourning all the day long.
7 For my loins are filled with burning heat;
And there is no soundness in my flesh.
8 I am feeble and sore broken;
I roar by reason of the groaning of my heart.
9 Lord, all my desire is before thee;
And my sighing is not hidden from thee.
10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me;
As for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.
11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore;
And my neighbours stand afar off.
12 They also that seek after my life lay snares for me;
And they that seek my hurt speak mischief,
And imagine deceits all the day long.
13 But I, as a deaf man, heard not;
And I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.
14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not,
And in whose mouth are no reproofs.
15 For in thee, O Jehovah, do I hope;
Thou wilt answer, O Lord my God.
16 For I said, 'Lest they should rejoice over me;

'When my foot slippeth, they wax great over me.'
For I am set fast by lameness, 17
And my sorrow is continually before me.
For I will declare mine iniquity; 18
I will be sorry for my sin.
But mine enemies are alive, they are strong; 19
And they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.
They also that render evil for good, 20
They are mine adversaries; because I follow good.
Forsake me not, O Jehovah my God, be not far from me. 21
Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation. 22

XXXIX.

For the chief Musician, even for Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.

I said, 'I will guard my ways, lest I sin with my tongue; 1
'I will keep a bridle on my mouth, while the wicked is before me.'
I was dumb in silence, I held my peace, from good; 2
And my sorrow was stirred.
My heart was hot within me, while I was musing; 3
The fire burned; then I spake with my tongue;
'Make me, O Jehovah, to know mine end, 4
'And the measure of my days, what it is;
'That I may know how frail I am.
'Behold, thou hast made my days as a handbreadth; 5
'And my lifetime is as nothing before thee;
'Yea, every strong man is altogether vanity.' (A pause.)
Surely man walketh in a vain show; 6
Surely they are disquieted in vain;
He heapeth up, and knoweth not who shall gather it.
And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee. 7
Deliver me from all my transgressions; 8
Make me not the reproach of the foolish.
I am dumb, I open not my mouth; because thou didst it. 9
Remove thy stroke away from me; 10
I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.
When with rebukes thou correctest man for iniquity, 11
Thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth;
Surely every man is vanity. (A pause.)
Hear my prayer, O Jehovah, and give ear to my cry; 12
Hold not thy peace at my tears;
For I am a stranger with thee,

And a sojourner, as all my fathers were.
13 O spare me, that I may take comfort,
Before I go hence, and be no more.

XL.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

1 I waited patiently for Jehovah;
And he turned unto me, and heard my cry.
2 And he lifted me out of a horrible pit, out of miry clay,
And set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.
3 And he put into my mouth a new song of praise to our God;
Many will see it, and fear, and will trust in Jehovah.
4 Blessed is the man that maketh Jehovah his trust,
And looketh not to the proud, nor to such as turn to lies.
5 Many works hast thou done, O Jehovah my God,
Thy wonders and thy thoughts toward us are countless;
I declare to thee and say that they are beyond number.
6 Sacrifice and meal offering thou desirest not;
Mine ears hast thou opened;
Burnt offering and sin offering thou requirest not.
7 Then said I, 'Lo, I come;
8 'In the roll of the book it is written for me,
'I delight to do thy will, O my God;
'Yea, thy law is within my heart.'
9 I have preached righteousness in the great assembly;
Lo, I have not closed my lips, O Jehovah, thou knowest.
10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart;
I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation;
I have not concealed thy kindness
Or thy truth from the great assembly.
11 Withhold not, O Jehovah, thy tender mercies from me;
Let thy kindness and truth continually preserve me.
12 For evils without number have encompassed me;
Mine iniquities hold me, so that I cannot look up;
They are more than the hairs of mine head;
And my heart faileth me.
13 Be pleased, O Jehovah, to deliver me;
O Jehovah, make haste to help me.
14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together
That seek after my soul to destroy it;
Let them be driven back and put to shame that wish me evil.

Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame 15
That say unto me, 'Aha, aha.'
Let all that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee. 16
Let such as love thy salvation say continually,
'May Jehovah be magnified.'
But I am poor and needy; 17
Yet the Lord thinketh upon me;
Thou art my help and my deliverer;
Make no tarrying, O my God.

XLI.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

Blessed is he that considereth the weak; 1
Jehovah will deliver him in the day of trouble.
Jehovah will preserve him, and keep him alive; 2
And he will be blessed in the land;
And thou wilt not give him up to the will of his foes.
Jehovah will strengthen him on the bed of languishing; 3
Thou wilt change all his bed in his sickness.
I said, 'O Jehovah, be merciful unto me; 4
'Heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.'
Mine enemies speak evil of me, [saying,] 5
'When will he die, and his name perish?'
And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity; 6
His heart gathereth iniquity to itself;
He goeth abroad, he telleth it.
All that hate me whisper together against me; 7
Against me do they devise my hurt, [saying,]
'An evil disease cleaveth fast unto him; 8
'And when he lieth down he will rise up no more.'
Yea, my familiar friend, in whom I trusted, 9
Who ate my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.
But thou, O Jehovah, have pity on me, 10
And raise me up, that I may requite them.
By this I know that thou hast pleasure in me, 11
If mine enemy doth not triumph over me,
And if thou upholdest me in my honesty, 12
And settest me before thy face for ever.
Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel 13
From everlasting, and to everlasting.
Amen, and Amen.

XLII. and XLIII.

For the chief Musician, a Poem, for the sons of Korah.

1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks,
So panteth my soul for thee, O God.
2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God;
When shall I come and appear before God?
3 My tears have been my food by day and by night,
While they continually say to me, 'Where is thy God?'
4 I remember this, and I pour out my soul within me.
For I had gone with the crowd,
I had walked with them to the House of God,
With the voice of joy and thanksgiving,
With a multitude that kept holyday.
5 'Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
'And why art thou disquieted within me?
'Hope thou in God; for I will yet praise him;
'He is the health of my countenance, and my God.'
6 My soul is cast down within me; for I remember thee,
Far from the land of the Jordan, and of the Hermonites,
Far from the hill Mizar.
7 Deep calleth to deep at the noise of thy waterspouts;
All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.
8 By day Jehovah commandeth his loving kindness,
And by night his song is with me,
My prayer to the God of my life.
9 I say to God, 'My Rock, why hast thou forgotten me?'
Why go I mourning under the oppression of the enemy?
10 With pain in my bones, mine enemies reproach me;
While they say daily to me, 'Where is thy God?'
11 'Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
'And why art thou disquieted within me?
'Hope thou in God; for I will yet praise him;
'He is the health of my countenance, and my God.'

1 Judge me, O God, and plead my cause,
Against a cruel nation [the Babylonians].
O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.
2 For thou art the God of my strength;
Why dost thou cast me off?
Why go I about mourning under the oppression of the enemy?
3 Send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me;
Let them bring me to thy holy hill, and to thy Tabernacle.

Then will I go to the altar of God, 4
To God my exceeding joy;
Yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.
'Why art thou cast down, O my soul? 5
'And why art thou disquieted within me?
'Hope thou in God; for I will yet praise him;
'He is the health of my countenance, and my God.'

XLIV.

For the chief Musician, for the sons of Korah, a Poem.

We have heard with our ears, O God, 1
Our fathers have told us,
What work thou didst in their days, in days of old.
Thou didst drive out Nations with thy hand, 2
But them [Israel] thou didst plant;
Thou didst afflict the peoples,
But them thou didst make thrive.
For [Israel] gained not the land by their own sword, 3
Neither did their own arm save them;
But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance,
Because thou hadst delight in them.
Thou art He, my King, O God; 4
Command deliverance for Jacob.
By thee will we push against our enemies; 5
By thy name will we tread down them that rise against us.
For I will not trust in my bow, 6
Neither will my sword save me.
But thou hast saved us from our enemies, 7
And hast put to shame them that hated us.
In God we boast all the day long, 8
And give thanks unto thy name for ever. (A pause.)
But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; 9
And goest not forth with our armies.
Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy; 10
And they that hate us plunder for themselves.
Thou hast made us like sheep to be eaten; 11
And hast scattered us among the Nations.
Thou sellest thy people for nought, 12
And dost not enrich thyself by their price.
Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, 13
A scorn and a derision to those around us.
Thou makest us a byword among the Nations, 14

A shaking of the head among the peoples.
15 My confusion is continually before me,
And the shame of my face hath covered me,
16 At the voice of the reproacher and blasphemer;
At the presence of the enemy and avenger.
17 All this is come upon us; yet we forget thee not,
Neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.
18 Our heart is not turned back,
Neither have our steps declined from thy way;
19 Yet thou hast sore broken us in a place of jackals,
And hast covered us with the shadow of death.
20 If we have forgotten the name of our God,
Or stretched out our hands to a strange god;
21 Will not God search this out?
For he knoweth the secrets of the heart.
22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long;
We are counted as sheep for the slaughter.
23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord?
Arise, cast us not off for ever.
24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face,
And forgettest our affliction and our oppression?
25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust;
Our belly cleaveth unto the ground.
26 Arise, be thou a help unto us,
And redeem us for thy kindness' sake.

XLV.

For the chief Musician upon the Lily instrument, for the sons of Korah, A Poem, a Song of loves.

1 My heart is overflowing with a good matter;
I speak what I have made touching the king;
My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
[To the King.]
2 Thou fairest of the sons of Adam;
Grace is poured on to thy lips;
Because God hath blessed thee for ever.
3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou warrior,
With thy glory and thy majesty.
4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously,
In the righteous cause of truth and meekness;
And thy right hand shall hurl terrible things.
5 Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies;
May the people fall under thee.

[To God.]
Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; 6
The sceptre of thy kingdom is a sceptre of justice.
[To the King.]
Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness; 7
Therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee
With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
On all thy garments are myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, 8
Out of ivory palaces, stringed lutes delight thee.
Kings' daughters are among thy beloved women; 9
On thy right hand standeth the queen in gold of Ophir.
[To the Queen.]
Hearken, O daughter, and look, and incline thine ear; 10
Forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;
So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty; 11
For he is thy lord; and worship thou him.
And the daughter of Tyre will be there with a gift; 12
The rich among the people will entreat thy favour.
[To the King.]
The king's daughter is all glorious in her house; 13
Of embroidery of gold is her clothing.
In embroidery she shall be led unto the king; 14
The maidens her companions coming after her to thee.
With gladness and rejoicing will they be led; 15
They will enter into the king's palace.
[To the Queen.]
Instead of thy fathers will be thy children, 16
Whom thou mayest make princes in all the land.
I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations; 17
Therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

XLVI.

For the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon the Virginals.

God is our refuge and strength, 1
A very present help in trouble.
Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be changed, 2
And though the hills be cast into the heart of the ocean;
Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, 3
And the mountains shake with its swelling. (A pause.)
A river and its streams make glad the city of God, 4
And the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she will not be disturbed; 5

God will help her, and that right early.
6 The Nations raged, the kingdoms were disturbed;
He uttered his voice, the earth melted.
7 Jehovah of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our tower of defence. (A pause.)
8 Come, behold the doings of Jehovah,
What desolations he hath made in the land.
9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the land;
He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder;
He burneth the chariots in the fire, [saying,]
10 'Be still, and know that I am God;
'I will be exalted among the Nations,
'I will be exalted in the earth.'
11 Jehovah of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our tower of defence. (A pause.)

XLVII.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

1 O clap your hands, all ye people;
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph,
2 For Jehovah the Most High is to be feared;
He is a great King over all the earth.
3 He will subdue the people under us,
And the Nations under our feet.
4 He chooseth our inheritance for us,
The excellence of Jacob whom he loved. (A pause.)
5 God is gone up with a shout,
Jehovah with the sound of a trumpet.
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises;
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
7 For God is the King of all the earth;
Sing ye praises with understanding.
8 God reigneth over the Nations;
God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
9 The princes of the people are gathered together,
Even the people of the God of Abraham;
For the shields of the land are God's; he is greatly exalted.

XLVIII.

A Song or Psalm for the sons of Korah.

1 Great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised
In the city of our God, on his holy mountain.
2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole land, is mount Zion,

On the north side is the city of the great King.
God is known in its palaces for a tower of defence. 3
For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by at once. 4
They saw it, and so they marvelled; 5
They were troubled, and fled away hastily.
Fear took hold of them there, 6
Pain, as of a woman in travail.
Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind. 7
As we have heard, so have we seen 8
In the city of Jehovah of hosts, in the city of our God;
God will establish it for ever. (A pause.)
We thought of thy kindness, O God, 9
In the midst of thy temple.
According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise 10
Unto the ends of the earth;
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.
Let mount Zion rejoice, 11
Let the daughters of Judah be glad,
Because of thy judgments.
Walk about Zion, and go round it; count its towers. 12
Mark ye well its bulwarks, consider its palaces; 13
So that ye may tell it to the generation following.
For this God is our God for ever and ever; 14
He will be our guide even unto death.

XLIX.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.
Hear this, all ye people; 1
Give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world;
Sons of Adam and sons of men, rich and poor together. 2
My mouth shall speak of wisdom; 3
And the thought of my heart shall be of understanding.
I will incline mine ear to a parable; 4
I will open my dark saying upon the harp.
Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, 5
When the iniquity of those who would supplant me encompasseth me?
They that trust in their wealth, 6
And boast in the multitude of their riches;
None of them can by any means redeem his brother, 7
Nor give to God a ransom for him;
(For the redemption of their soul is costly, 8
When it hath gone to rest for ever;)

9 That he should still be wholly alive,
And not see corruption.
10 For it is seen that wise men die,
Likewise the fool and the brutish person perish,
And they leave their wealth to others.
11 In their thought their houses are for ever,
Their dwellings to generations and generations;
They call their lands after their own names.
12 But a man that is in honour abideth not;
He is like the beasts that perish.
13 This their way is their folly;
Yet their posterity approve their sayings. (A pause.)
14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave;
Death will be their shepherd,
And the upright will tread over them in the morning;
And their form will waste away,
Hell will be their dwelling.
15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of Hell;
For he will receive me. (A pause.)
16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich,
When the glory of his house is increased;
17 For when he dieth he will carry nothing away;
His glory will not go down after him.
18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul;
And men praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself;
19 He will go to the generation of his fathers;
To the end they shall never see the light.
20 Man that is in honour, and understandeth not,
Is like the beasts that perish.

L.

A Psalm of [or for] Asaph.

1 The God of gods, Jehovah, speaketh and calleth the earth
From the rising of the sun to its going down.
2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God hath sent his light.
3 Our God will come, and will not keep silence;
A fire will devour before him,
And it will be very tempestuous around him.
4 He will call to the heavens from above,
And to the earth, to judge his people, [saying,]

'Gather together unto me my godly ones, 5
'Who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.'
And the heavens will declare his righteousness; 6
For God is judge himself. (A pause.)
'Hear, O my people, and I will speak; 7
'O Israel, and I will protest against thee;
'I am God, even thy God.
'I do not reprove thee for thy sacrifices 8
'Or for thy burnt offerings, which are always before me.
'I will take no bullock out of thy house, 9
'Nor he goats out of thy folds.
'For every wild beast of the forest is mine, 10
'And the cattle upon a thousand hills.
'I know all the fowls of the mountains; 11
'And the wild beasts of the field belong to me.
'If I were hungry, I would not tell thee; 12
'For the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.
'Do I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? 13
'Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving; 14
'And pay thy vows unto the Most High;
'And call upon me in the day of trouble; 15
'I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.'
But unto the wicked God saith, 16
'What hast thou to do to declare my statutes,
'Or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?
'Seeing thou hatest instruction, 17
'And castest my words behind thee.
'If thou seest a thief, then thou consentest with him, 18
'And thou hast been partaker with adulterers.
'Thou givest thy mouth to evil, 19
'And thy tongue frameth deceit.
'Thou speakest continually against thy brother; 20
'Thou slanderest thine own mother's son.
'These things hast thou done, and as I kept silence, 21
'Thou thoughtest that I was altogether as thyself.
'I will convict thee, and prove it to thine own eyes.
'Now consider this, ye that forget God, 22
'Lest I tear you in pieces, and there be no deliverer.
'The sacrifice of thanksgiving glorifieth me; 23
'And to him that ordereth his way aright
'Will I shew the salvation of God.'

LI.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy kindness;
In the greatness of thy pity blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I acknowledge my transgressions;
And my sin is ever before me.
4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,
And I have done evil in thy sight;
So that thou art justified when thou speakest,
And art clear when thou judgest.
5 Behold, I was begotten in iniquity;
And in sin did my mother conceive me.
6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts;
And in the hidden parts thou teachest me wisdom.
7 Purge me from sin with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8 Make me to hear joy and gladness;
That the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
9 Hide thy face from my sins,
And blot out all mine iniquities.
10 Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.
11 Cast me not away from thy presence;
And take not thy holy spirit from me.
12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
And let thy free spirit uphold me.
13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;
And sinners shall be converted unto thee.
14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
Thou God of my salvation;
And my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.
15 O Lord, open thou my lips;
And my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it;
Thou delightest not in burnt offering.
17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.
18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion;

Build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteous- 19
ness,
With burnt offering and whole burnt offering;
Then shall bullocks be offered upon thine altar.

LII.

For the chief Musician, A Poem of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him, 'David is come to the house of Ahimelech.'

Why boastest thou in mischief, O mighty man? 1
The kindness of God endureth continually.
Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; 2
As a sharp razor worketh deceitfully.
Thou lovest evil more than good; 3
Lying rather than to speak righteousness. (A pause.)
Thou lovest all devouring words, O deceitful tongue. 4
God will likewise destroy thee wholly, 5
He will take thee, and pluck thee out of thy tent,
And root thee out of the land of the living. (A pause.)
Then the righteous will see, and fear, 6
And will laugh at him; [saying,]
'Lo, this man made not God his stronghold; 7
'But trusted in the abundance of his riches,
'And strengthened himself in his mischief.'
But I am like a green olive tree in the House of God; 8
I trust in the kindness of God for ever and ever.
I will praise thee for ever, because thou doest it; 9
And I will wait on thy name;
For it is good before thy godly ones.

LIII.

For the chief Musician upon the Lute, A Poem of David.

The fool saith in his heart, 'There is no God.' 1
They have done corrupt and abominable iniquity;
There is none that doeth good.
God looketh down from heaven on the sons of Adam, 2
To see if there be any one that understandeth,
That seeketh God, [saying,]
'All are gone back; they are altogether filthy; 3
'There is none that doeth good, no, not one.
'Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? 4
'Who eat up my people as they eat bread;

'They have not called upon God.'
5 Then they were in great fear, who had no fear;
For God scattereth the bones of thine invaders;
They are put to shame, because God despiseth them.
6 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!
When God bringeth home the captivity of his people,
Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

LIV.

For the chief Musician on the stringed instruments,
A Poem of David, when *the Ziphites came and said to Saul, 'Doth not David hide himself with us?'*

1 Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy might.
2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.
3 For strangers are risen up against me,
And oppressors seek after my soul;
They have not set God before them. (A pause.)
4 Behold, God is mine helper;
The Lord is with them that uphold my soul.
5 He will repay evil unto mine enemies;
Thou wilt cut them off in thy truth.
6 In freewill I will sacrifice unto thee;
I will praise thy name, O Jehovah; for it is good.
7 For it hath delivered me out of all trouble;
And mine eye hath looked upon mine enemies.

LV.

For the chief Musician on the stringed instruments,
A Poem of David.

1 Give ear to my prayer, O God;
And hide not thyself from my supplication.
2 Attend unto me, and answer me;
I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;
3 Because of the voice of the enemy,
Because of the oppression of the wicked.
For they cast iniquity upon me, and pursue me in wrath.
4 My heart is sore pained within me;
And the terrors of death are fallen upon me.
5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me,
And horror hath overwhelmed me.
6 And I said, 'Oh that I had wings like a dove!'

For then would I fly away, and be at rest.
Lo, I would wander far off,
I would lodge in the desert. (A pause.)
I hasten my escape from the stormy whirlwind.
Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues.
For I have seen violence and strife in the city;
Day and night they go about upon its walls;
Mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.
Wickedness is in the midst thereof;
Deceit and guile depart not from its streets.
For it was not an enemy that reproached me;
Then I could have borne it;
Not one that hated me that rose up against me;
Then I would have hid myself from him;
But it was thou, a man mine equal,
My guide, and mine acquaintance;
Who with me sweetened companionship,
When we walked with the crowd unto the House of God.
Let death seize upon them,
Let them go down alive into hell;
For wickedness is among them in their dwellings.
But I will call upon God, and Jehovah will save me.
Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I complain,
And I will cry aloud, and he will hear my voice.
He redeemed my soul in safety
From the battle that was against me;
For in multitudes were they against me.
God will hear, and will afflict them,
Even He that abideth from of old. (A pause.)
Because they have no misfortunes they fear not God.
He put forth his hands against those at peace with him;
He hath broken his covenant;
His mouth is smoother than butter, but war is in his heart;
His words are softer than oil, yet are as drawn swords.
Cast thy burden on Jehovah, and he will sustain thee;
He will never suffer the righteous to be moved.
But thou, O God, wilt bring them down into the pit of destruction;
Men of bloodshed and deceit shall not live out half their days;
But I will trust in thee.

LVI.

For the chief Musician, for [the tune of] The Silent Dove of the Pilgrims, A Poem of David, when the Philistines took him in Gath.

1 Pity me, O God; for man is furious against me;
He fighting daily oppresseth me.
2 Mine enemies are furious daily;
For they are many that fight against me in pride.
3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.
4 In God I praise his word, in God I trust;
I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.
5 Every day they wrest my words;
All their thoughts are against me for evil.
6 They meet together, they hide themselves,
They mark my footsteps, when they wait for my soul.
7 Shall they escape by iniquity?
In thine anger cast down the people, O God.
8 Thou countest my wanderings;
Put thou my tears into thy bottle;
Are they not in thy book?
9 When I call, then will mine enemies turn back;
This I know; for God is for me.
10 In God will I praise his word;
In Jehovah will I praise his word.
11 In God have I put my trust;
I will not fear what man can do unto me.
12 Thy vows are upon me, O God;
I will pay my thanks unto thee.
13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death;
Wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling,
That I may walk before God in the light of the living?

LVII.

For the chief Musician, '*Destroy him not*' [1 Sam. xxvi. 9]; A Poem of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.

1 Pity me, O God, pity me; for my soul trusteth in thee;
Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I trust,
Until the calamity be overpast.
2 I will cry unto God the Most High;
Unto God who performeth all things for me.
3 He will send from heaven, and save me
From the reproach of furious men. (A pause.)

May God send forth his mercy and his truth.
My soul is among lions; I lie among flames, 4
Among sons of Adam, whose teeth are spears and arrows,
And their tongue is a sharp sword.
Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; 5
Let thy glory be above all the earth.
They prepared a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down; 6
They digged a pit before me,
They fell themselves into the midst of it. (A pause.)
My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; 7
I will sing and give praise; awake up, my Glory. 8
Awake, psaltery and harp; I myself will awake early.
I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people; 9
I will sing unto thee among the nations.
For thy kindness is great up to the heavens, 10
And thy truth up to the skies.
Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; 11
Let thy glory be above all the earth.

LVIII.

For the chief Musician, '*Destroy him not*' [1 Sam. xxvi. 9]; A Poem of David.

Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O ye gods? 1
Do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of Adam?
Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; 2
Your hands weigh out violence on the earth.
The wicked are estranged from the womb; 3
They go astray from their birth, speaking lies.
Their poison is like the poison of a serpent; 4
They are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear;
That will not hearken to the voice of whisperers, 5
Though charming with the wisest of charms.
Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth; 6
Break the cheek-teeth of the young lions, O Jehovah.
Let them melt away as waters, and be gone; 7
He aimeth his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.
As a snail melteth, let them pass away; 8
As a woman's untimely birth, let them not see the sun.
Before your pots can feel the thorns, 9
He will hurl them away, whether fresh or burnt.
The righteous will rejoice when he seeth vengeance; 10
He will wash his steps in the blood of the wicked.

11 And men will say, 'Yea, there is reward for the righteous;
'Truly he is a God that judgeth on the earth.'

LIX.

For the chief Musician, '*Destroy him not*' [1 Sam. xxvi. 9]; A Poem of David, when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

1 Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God;
Set me above them that rise up against me.
2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,
And save me from men of bloodshed.
3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul;
The mighty are gathered against me;
Not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Jehovah.
4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault;
Arise to help me, and behold.
5 Do thou therefore, O Jehovah God of hosts,
O God of Israel, awake to visit all the Nations;
Pity not any wicked transgressors. (A pause.)
6 They return at evening; they howl like a dog,
And they go round about the city.
7 Behold, they pour forth with their mouth;
Swords are in their lips, [saying,] 'For who heareth?'
8 But thou, O Jehovah, wilt laugh at them;
Thou wilt have all the Nations in derision.
9 O my Strength, upon thee will I wait;
For God is my strong tower.
10 God will come before me with his kindness;
God will let me look down upon mine enemies.
11 Slay them not, lest my people forget;
Scatter them by thy power;
And bring them down, O Lord our shield.
12 The words of their lips are the sin of their mouth;
Let them even be taken in their pride;
And for the cursing and lying which they speak.
13 Consume them in wrath, consume that they be not;
And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob
Unto the ends of the land. (A pause.)
14 And at evening let them return;
And let them howl like a dog,
And let them go round about the city.
15 Let them wander up and down for food,
And grumble if they be not satisfied.

But I will sing of thy power; 16
Yea, I will sing aloud of thy kindness in the morning;
For thou hast been my strong tower
And refuge in the day of my trouble.
Unto thee, O my Strength, will I sing; 17
For God is my strong tower, the God of my mercy.

LX.

For the chief Musician, A Poem upon the Lily instrument, A Poem of David, to teach; when he strove with Syria of the Rivers and with Syria of Zobah, when Joab returned, and smote twelve thousand men of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, 1
Thou hast been angry; O turn thyself to us again.
Thou makest the earth to tremble; thou hast rent it; 2
Heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.
Thou hast shewed thy people hard things; 3
Thou hast made us to drink the wine of staggering.
Thou hast given flight to them that feared thee, 4
So that they fled away before the bow. (A pause.)
In order that thy beloved may be delivered; 5
Save with thy right hand, and answer me.
God spake in his Holy Place, [saying,] 6
'I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem,
'And will measure out the valley of Succoth.
'Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; 7
'Ephraim also is the strength of my head;
'Judah is my staff of power;
'Moab is my washpot; over Edom I empty my shoe; 8
'Shall the land of the Philistines triumph over me?'
Who will bring me to the strong city? 9
Who will lead me to Edom?
Wilt not thou, O God, who hadst cast us off? 10
And wilt not thou, O God, go out with our armies?
Give us help from trouble; for vain is the help of man. 11
Through God we will do valiantly; 12
For he it is that will tread down our enemies.

LXI.

For the chief Musician upon the stringed instruments, [A Psalm] of David.

Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. 1
From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, 2

When my heart fainteth,
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
3 For thou hast been a refuge for me,
And a strong tower from the enemy.
4 I will abide in thy tent for ever and ever;
I will flee under the covert of thy wings. (A pause.)
5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows;
Thou givest a heritage to those that fear thy name.
6 Thou wilt add days to the king's days;
His years will be as generations and generations.
7 He will abide before God for ever;
O prepare kindness and truth, which may preserve him.
8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever,
That I may perform my vows day by day.

LXII.

For the chief Musician, even for Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.

1 Truly my soul waiteth on God; from him is my salvation.
2 Truly He is my rock and my salvation;
My strong tower; I shall not be greatly disturbed.
3 How long will ye imagine mischief against a man?
Ye would all of you break him down,
As a bowing wall, and as a tottering fence.
4 Truly they consult to cast him down from his excellence.
They delight in lies; they bless with their mouth,
But they curse inwardly. (A pause.)
5 Truly my soul, wait thou upon God,
For my expectation is from him;
6 Truly He is my rock and my salvation;
He is my strong tower; I shall not be disturbed.
7 In God is my salvation and my glory;
My strong rock, my refuge, is in God.
8 Trust in him at all times, ye people;
Pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. (A pause.)
9 Truly the sons of Adam are vanity,
The sons of men are falsehoods;
Laid in the balance, they are together lighter than vanity.
10 Trust not in oppression,
And become not vain in robbery;
If riches increase, set not your heart upon them.
11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this;

That power belongeth unto God.
Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth kindness; 12
For thou renderest to man according to his work.

LXIII.

A Psalm of David, when he was in the desert of Judah.

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee; 1
My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee
In a dry and thirsty land where no water is;
To see thy power and thy glory, 2
So as I have seen a vision of thee in the Sanctuary.
Because thy loving kindness is better than life, 3
My lips shall praise thee.
Thus will I bless thee while I live; 4
I will lift up my hands in thy Name.
My soul will be satisfied as with marrow and fat; 5
And my mouth shall utter praises with joyful lips;
When I remember thee upon my bed, 6
And meditate on thee in the night watches.
Because thou hast been my help; 7
Therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
My soul followeth close after thee; 8
Thy right hand upholdeth me.
But those men seek my soul, to destroy it, 9
They shall be thrust into the pits of the earth.
They will be slain by the sword; 10
They will be the portion of wolves.
But the king will rejoice in God; 11
Every one that sweareth by him will glory;
When the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

LXIV.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint; 1
Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; 2
From the rage of the workers of iniquity;
Who sharpen their tongue like a sword, 3
And aim with their arrows, even bitter words;
That they may shoot in secret at the honest man; 4
Suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.
They encourage themselves in an evil matter; 5
They commune of laying snares privily;
They say, 'Who can see them?'

6 They search for iniquities, and they accomplish the search;
They search both the inward thought of a man, and the heart's depth.
7 But God will shoot at them with an arrow;
Suddenly will they be wounded.
8 So their tongue will make them fall on themselves;
All that see them will flee away.
9 And every son of Adam will fear,
And he will declare the work of God;
For they will wisely consider of his doing.
10 The righteous will rejoice in Jehovah, and trust in him;
And all the upright in heart will glory.

LXV.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, a Song.

1 Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion;
And unto thee shall the vow be performed.
2 O thou that hearest prayer, to thee all flesh cometh.
3 Works of wickedness are too strong for me;
As for our transgressions, thou pardonest them.
4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest,
And causeth to approach to dwell in thy courts.
We shall be satisfied with the good things
Of thy House, even of thy holy temple.
Terribly in righteousness thou answerest us,
O God of our salvation; thou confidence
Of all the ends of the earth and of the distant sea;
6 Who by his strength setteth fast the mountains;
Being girded with power;
7 Who stilleth the noise of the ocean,
The noise of its waves, and the tumult of the people.
8 And they that dwell in the utmost parts fear thy signs;
Thou gladdest the outgoings of the morning and evening.
9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it;
Thou abundantly enrichest it;
The river of God is full of water;
Thou preparest their corn, for thus thou preparest it.
10 Thou waterest well its ridges;
Thou settlest its furrows;
Thou makest it soft with showers;
Thou blessest its springing forth.
11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness;
And thy paths drop fatness.

They drop it on the pastures of the desert; 12
And the little hills are girded with joy.
The sheep-walks are clothed with flocks; 13
The valleys also are covered over with corn;
They shout for joy, they also sing.

LXVI.

For the chief Musician, A Song or Psalm.

Shout with joy unto God, all ye lands; 1
Sing the honour of his name; make his praise glorious. 2
Say unto God, 'How terrible are thy works!' 3
At thy great power thine enemies fawn before thee.
Let all the earth worship thee, and sing unto thee; 4
They shall sing to thy name. (A pause.)
Come ye and see the works of God; 5
He is terrible in his doings toward the sons of Adam.
He turned the sea into dry land; 6
They went through the river on foot;
There did we rejoice in him.
He ruleth by his power for ever; 7
His eyes behold the nations;
Let not the rebellious exalt themselves. (A pause.)
O bless our God, ye people, 8
And make the voice of his praise to be heard;
He holdeth our soul in life, 9
And suffereth not our feet to be moved.
For thou, O God, hast proved us; 10
Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.
Thou broughtest us into a trap; 11
Thou laidst a burden upon our loins.
Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; 12
We went through fire and through water;
But thou broughtest us out into a well-watered place.
I will go unto thy House with burnt offerings; 13
I will pay unto thee my vows,
Which my lips uttered, 14
And which my mouth spake, when I was in trouble.
I will offer to thee burnt offerings of fatlings, 15
With incense of rams;
I will offer bullocks with goats. (A pause.)
Come and hear, all ye that fear God, 16
And I will declare what he hath done for my soul.
I cried unto him with my mouth, 17

And he was extolled with my tongue.
18 If I regard iniquity in my heart,
The Lord will not hear me;
19 But verily God hath heard me;
He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.
20 Blessed be God, who turned not away my prayer,
Nor his kindness from me.

LXVII.

For the chief Musician on the stringed instruments,
A Psalm or Song.

1 May God be gracious unto us, and bless us;
And cause his face to shine upon us. (A pause.)
2 That thy way may be known on earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.
3 Let the people praise thee, O God;
Let all the people praise thee.
4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy;
For thou wilt judge the people righteously,
And wilt guide the nations upon earth. (A pause.)
5 Let the people praise thee, O God;
Let all the people praise thee.
6 Then will the earth yield her increase;
And God, even our own God, will bless us;
7 God will bless us;
And all the ends of the earth will fear him.

LXVIII.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm or Song of David.

1 Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered;
And let them that hate him flee from his face.
2 As smoke is driven away, so do thou drive them away;
As wax melteth before the fire,
So let the wicked perish in the presence of God.
3 But let the righteous be glad;
Let them rejoice before God;
Yea, let them rejoice with gladness.
4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name;
Pave a way for him that rideth over the barren plain.
His name is JAH, therefore rejoice before him.
5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows,
Is God in his holy habitation.
6 God setteth the solitary in families;
He bringeth out into prosperity those that are bound;

But the rebellious dwell in barren places.
O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, 7
On thy march through the wilderness; (a pause)
The earth shook, the heavens also dropped 8
At the presence of God;
Sinai itself at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
Thou didst send rain freely, O God, on thine inheritance, 9
Thou didst strengthen it when it was weary.
Thy living creatures dwelt therein; 10
Thou, O God, preparedst by thy goodness for the poor.
The Lord gave the word; 11
Great was the company of those that published it.
Kings of armies fled, they fled; 12
And she that tarried at home is dividing the spoil.
Though ye be lying among the cattle stalls, 13
Ye are as the wings of a dove covered with silver,
And her feathers with yellow gold.
When the Almighty scattered kings on it, 14
It was white as snow in Salmon.
A hill of God is Mount Bashan; 15
A hill with peaks is Mount Bashan.
Why look ye enviously, ye hills with peaks, 16
At the hill which God desireth to dwell on?
Yea, Jehovah will dwell on it for ever.
The chariots of God were twenty thousand, 17
Even thousands of thousands;
The Lord was among them, as on Sinai.
In the Holy Place thou hast gone up on high, 18
Thou hast led captivity captive;
Thou hast received gifts from men; yea, from the rebellious,
That Jah our God might dwell here.
Blessed be the Lord, who daily supporteth us, 19
He is the God of our salvation. (A pause.)
Our God is the God of salvation; 20
And unto Jehovah the Lord belong the issues of death.
But God will wound the head of his enemies, 21
The hairy scalp of such as goeth about in his guilt.
The Lord said, 'I will bring them back from Bashan, 22
'I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;
'So that thy foot may be dipped in blood, 23
'And the tongue of thy dogs may have a share of thine enemies.'

24 They have seen thy goings, O God;
The goings of my God, my King, in the Holy Place.
25 The singers went before,
The players on instruments followed;
Among them were the maidens striking the timbrels.
26 Bless ye God in the assemblies,
Even the Lord, ye that are of the fountain of Israel.
27 There was little Benjamin who conquered them;
The princes of Judah, ye heaped stones on them,
The princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.
28 Thy God commanded thy strength.
Strengthen, O God, what thou hast done for us.
29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem
Kings shall bring presents unto thee.
30 Rebuke the wild beasts of the reeds [or Egypt],
The assembly of bulls, with nations of calves [or Syria],
Till every one submit himself with pieces of silver.
Scatter thou the people that delight in war.
31 Princes shall come out of Egypt;
Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.
32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth;
Sing praises unto the Lord; (a pause)
33 To him that rideth upon the heavens, the heavens of old;
Lo, he sendeth out his voice, a mighty voice.
34 Ascribe ye strength unto God;
His excellence is over Israel,
And his strength is in the skies.
35 O God, thou art terrible out of thy Sanctuary;
The God of Israel giveth strength and power to his people.
Blessed be God.

LXIX.

For the chief Musician upon the Lily instrument, [A Psalm] of David.

1 Save me, O God; for the waters are come unto my soul.
2 I am sunk in deep mire, where there is no standing;
I am come into deep waters, and floods overflow me.
3 I am wearied by my calling; my throat is dried;
Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.
4 They that hate me without cause
Are more than the hairs of mine head;
They that would destroy me, my false foes, are mighty;
I restored that which I took not away.

O God, thou knowest my foolishness; 5
And my guilt is not hidden from thee.
Let not them that wait on thee be ashamed of me, 6
O Lord Jehovah of hosts,
Let not those that seek thee be confounded
Because of me, O God of Israel.
Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; 7
Shame hath covered my face.
I am become a stranger unto my brethren, 8
And an alien unto my mother's children.
For zeal for thine house hath eaten me up; 9
And the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.
When I wept, in the fasting of my soul, 10
Then that was a reproach to me.
When I made sackcloth my garment, 11
Then I became a by-word to them.
They that sit in the city gate speak against me; 12
And I am the song of the drinkers of strong drink.
But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Jehovah; 13
In an acceptable time, O God, in thy great kindness
Answer me, in the truth of thy salvation.
Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink; 14
Let me be delivered from them that hate me,
And out of the deep waters.
Let not the waterflood overflow me, 15
Neither let the deep swallow me up,
And let not the pit shut its mouth upon me.
Answer me, O Jehovah; for thy kindness is good; 16
Turn to me according to the multitude of thy mercies;
And hide not thy face from thy servant; 17
For I am in trouble; answer me speedily.
Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it; 18
Deliver me because of mine enemies;
Thou knowest my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour; 19
Mine adversaries are all before thee.
Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am sick; 20
And I look for some to take pity, but there is none;
And for comforters, but I have found none.
They gave me also hemlock for my food; 21
And in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

22 Let their table become a snare before them;
And their peace offerings a trap.
23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not;
And make their loins continually to shake.
24 Pour out thine indignation upon them,
And let thy wrathful anger overtake them.
25 Let their habitation be desolate;
And let there be no inhabitants in their tents.
26 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten;
And add to the grief of him whom thou hast wounded.
27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity;
And let them not come into thy righteousness.
28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living,
And let them not be written with the righteous.
29 But I am poor and sorrowful;
Let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.
30 I will praise the name of God with a song,
And will magnify him with thanksgiving.
31 This also will please Jehovah better than an ox,
Or a bullock that hath horns and divideth the hoof.
32 Let the humble see this, and be glad;
Seek God, and your heart shall live.
33 For Jehovah heareth the poor,
And despiseth not his prisoners.
34 Let the heavens and the earth praise him,
The ocean, and every thing that moveth therein.
35 For God will save Zion,
And will build up the cities of Judah;
That they may dwell there, and possess it.
36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it;
And they that love his name shall dwell therein.

LXX.

For the chief Musician, [A Psalm] of David, to bring to remembrance.

1 Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
O Jehovah, make haste to help me.
2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul;
Let them be turned back, and disgraced, that desire my hurt.
3 Let them return to the reward of their shame
That say, 'Aha, aha.'
4 Let all that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee;

And let such as love thy salvation say continually,
'May God be magnified.'
But I am poor and needy; make haste unto me, O God; 5
Thou art my help and my deliverer;
O Jehovah, make no tarrying.

LXXI.

In thee, O Jehovah, do I trust; 1
Let me never be put to shame.
Deliver me in thy righteousness, and rescue me; 2
Incline thine ear unto me, and save me.
Be thou my strong habitation, 3
Whereunto I may go continually;
Thou hast given command to save me;
For thou art my rock and my fortress.
Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, 4
Out of the grasp of the unrighteous and cruel man.
For thou art my hope, O Lord Jehovah; 5
Thou hast been my trust from my youth.
By thee have I been held up from the womb; 6
Thou didst take me out of my mother's bowels;
My praise shall be continually of thee.
I have been as a wonder unto many; 7
But thou art my strong refuge.
Thy praise and thy honour shall fill my mouth all the day. 8
Cast me not off in the time of old age; 9
Forsake me not when my strength faileth.
For mine enemies speak against me; 10
And they that watch for my life take counsel together,
Saying, 'God hath forsaken him; 11
'Pursue, and take him; for he hath no deliverer.'
O God, be not far from me; my God, hasten to my help. 12
Let the enemies of my soul be confounded and consumed; 13
Covered with reproach and shame
Let them be that seek my hurt.
But I will hope continually, 14
And will praise thee more and more.
My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness 15
And thy salvation all the day;
For I know not the numbers thereof.
I will go in the strength of the Lord Jehovah; 16
I will make mention of thy righteousness, of thine only.
O God, thou hast taught me from my youth; 17

And hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.
18 Even till I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not;
Until I shew thy strength to this generation,
And thy power to every one that is to come.
19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high,
Who hast done great things.
O God, who is like unto thee,
20 Who hast shewed me great and sore troubles?
Thou wilt make me live again,
And wilt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.
21 Thou wilt increase my greatness,
And wilt comfort me on every side.
22 I will also praise thee on the psaltery, even thy truth;
O my God, unto thee will I sing
With the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.
23 My lips greatly rejoice when I sing to thee;
And my soul, which thou hast redeemed.
24 My tongue also talketh all day of thy righteousness;
For they are confounded that seek my hurt,
For they are brought to shame.

LXXII.

[A Psalm] for Solomon.
1 Give the king thy judgments, O God,
And thy righteousness unto the king's son.
2 He will judge thy people with righteousness,
And thy poor with judgment.
3 The mountains will bring peace to the people,
And the little hills, by righteousness.
4 He judgeth the poor of the people,
He saveth the children of the needy,
And breaketh in pieces the oppressor.
5 They will fear thee as long as the sun endureth,
And in sight of the moon for all generations.
6 He will come down like rain upon the mown grass;
As showers that water the earth.
7 In his days will the righteous flourish;
And abundance of peace until the moon be no more.
8 And he shall bear rule from Sea to Sea,
And from the River [Euphrates] to the ends of the land.
9 The people of the Desert shall bow before him;
And his enemies shall lick the dust.

Kings of Tarshish and of the Isles shall bring presents; 10
Kings of Sheba and Seba [or Meroë] shall offer gifts.
Yea, all kings shall fall down before him; 11
All the Nations shall serve him.
For he will deliver the needy when he crieth; 12
The poor also, and him that hath no helper.
He will have pity on the poor and needy, 13
And will save the souls of the needy.
He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence; 14
And precious will their blood be in his eyes.
And he shall live, and to him shall be given gold of Sheba; 15
Prayer also shall be made for him continually;
And daily shall he be blessed.
There will be abundance of corn in the land, 16
On the hill-tops its fruit will wave like Lebanon;
And they of the city will flourish as the grass of the earth.
His name will endure for ever; 17
His name will be continued as long as the sun;
And men shall be blessed in him;
All nations shall call him blessed.
Blessed be Jehovah God, the God of Israel, 18
Who only doeth wondrous things.
And blessed be his glorious name for ever; 19
And let the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen, and Amen.
The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended. 20

LXXIII.

A Psalm of [or for] Asaph.
Truly God is good to Israel, to such as are clean of heart. 1
But as for me, my feet were almost turned aside; 2
My steps had well nigh slipped.
For I was envious at the foolish, 3
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
For they have no troubles until their death; 4
And their strength is firm.
They have not the troubles of men; 5
Neither are they plagued like sons of Adam.
Therefore pride encompasseth them as a neck-chain; 6
Violence covereth them as a robe.
Their eyes stand out with fatness; 7

They have more than heart could wish.
8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly;
They oppress, and speak loftily.
9 They set their mouth against the heavens,
And their tongue walketh about on the earth.
10 (Therefore his people return hither;
And abundant waters are wrung out to them.)
11 And they say, 'How doth God know?
'And is there knowledge in the Most High?'
12 Behold, these are the ungodly;
They prosper for ever; they increase in riches.
13 Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain,
And washed my hands in innocence.
14 For all the day long have I been plagued,
And am chastened every morning.
15 If I say, 'I will speak thus;'
Lo, I should desert the generation of thy children.
16 When I wished to know this, it was painful in mine eyes;
17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God;
Then understood I their end.
18 Surely thou settest them in slippery places;
Thou castest them down into destruction.
19 How are they in desolation, as in a moment!
They are utterly consumed with terrors,
20 As a dream of one awaking,
O Lord, in anger thou wilt despise their image.
21 When my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins;
22 And I was foolish and ignorant; I was as a beast before thee.
23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee;
Thou hast holden me by the right hand.
24 Thou guidest me with thy counsel,
And afterward wilt receive me to glory.
25 Whom have I in heaven but thee?
And there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.
26 My flesh and my heart fail;
But God is the Rock of my heart, and my portion for ever.
27 For, lo, they that are far from thee will perish;
Thou hast destroyed all them that go astray from thee.
28 But it is good for me to draw near to God;
I have put my trust in the Lord Jehovah,
That I may declare all thy works.

LXXIV.

A Poem of [or for] Asaph.

O God, why hast thou wholly cast us off? 1
Why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?
Remember thy congregation, thou purchasedst it of old, 2
The staff of thine inheritance, which thou redeemedst;
This mount Zion, wherein thou didst dwell.
Lift up thy steps toward the thorough desolations, 3
All the wickedness of the enemy in the Holy Place.
Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; 4
They set up their ensigns for signs.
A man was famous for bringing to the hill-side 5
Axes against the thick branches of the trees;
But now the whole carved work thereof at once 6
They break down with axes and hammers.
They have cast fire into thy Sanctuary, 7
They have crushed the Tabernacle of thy name to the ground.
They said in their hearts, 'Let us destroy them at once;' 8
They have burnt every synagogue of God in the land.
We see not our signs; there is no more any prophet; 9
Neither doth any one among us know how long.
O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? 10
Shall the enemy blaspheme thy Name for ever?
Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? 11
Pluck it out of thy bosom, and destroy.
For God hath been my King of old, 12
Working salvation in the midst of the earth.
Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength; 13
Thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.
Thou brakest the head of the crocodile in pieces, 14
And gavest him for food to the people of the desert.
Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood; 15
Thou driedst up unfailing rivers.
The day is thine, the night also is thine; 16
Thou didst prepare the light and the sun.
Thou didst set all the boundaries of the earth; 17
Thou didst make summer and winter.
Remember what the enemy hath reproached, O Jehovah, 18
And that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.
Give not the soul of thy turtle-dove to the bird of prey; 19
Forget not the life of thy poor for ever.

20 Have regard to the covenant; for they have filled
The dark places of the land with habitations of cruelty.
21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed;
Let the poor and needy praise thy name.
22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause;
Remember thy reproach from the foolish man daily.
23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies;
The tumult of those that rise up against thee cometh up continually.

LXXV.

For the chief Musician, '*Destroy him not*' [1 Sam. xxvi. 9], A Psalm or Song of [or for] Asaph.

1 We give thanks unto thee, O God, we give thanks;
For that thy Name is near, thy wondrous works declare.
2 'When I shall receive the testimony I will judge uprightly.
3 'The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved;
'I will establish the pillars of it.' (A pause.)
4 I said unto the fools, 'Deal not foolishly;'
And to the wicked, 'Set not up the horn.'
5 Set not up your horn on high, speaking with a stiff neck.
6 For setting up cometh not from the east,
Nor from the west, nor from the [southern] Desert.
7 But God is the judge;
He putteth down one, and setteth up another.
8 For in the hand of Jehovah there is a cup,
And the wine is strong; it is full of mixture;
And he poureth out of the same; yea, its dregs
All the wicked of the earth shall drain out, and drink.
9 But I will declare for ever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
10 'All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off;
'But the horns of the righteous shall be set up.'

LXXVI.

For the chief Musician on the stringed instruments, A Psalm of [or for] Asaph; a Song.

1 In Judah is God known; his name is great in Israel.
2 In Salem also is his tabernacle,
And his dwelling place in Zion.
3 There brake he the fiery arrows of the bow,
The shield, and the sword, and the battle. (A pause.)
4 Thou art more glorious and excellent
Than the mountains of the ravening [beasts].

The stout-hearted are spoiled, 5
They have dozed in their sleep;
And none of the men of might have found their hands.
At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, 6
Both the chariot and horse were cast into a dead sleep.
Thou, even thou, art to be feared; 7
And who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry?
Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; 8
The earth feared, and was still,
When God arose to judgment, 9
To save all the afflicted of the land. (A pause.)
When thou art wroth, man shall praise thee; 10
The remainder of wrath thou wilt restrain.
Vow, and pay unto Jehovah your God; 11
Let all around him bring gifts to Him that is to be feared.
He will cut off the spirit of princes; 12
He is terrible to the kings of the earth.

LXXVII.

For the chief Musician, even for Jeduthun, A Psalm of [or for] Asaph.

My cry was unto God; I cried aloud. 1
My cry was unto God; and he gave ear unto me.
In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; 2
My hand was stretched out in the night, and ceased not;
My soul refuseth to be comforted.
I remember God, and am troubled; 3
I complain, and my spirit is overwhelmed. (A pause.)
Thou holdest mine eyes when waking; 4
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
I consider the days of old, the years of ancient times. 5
I call to remembrance my song in the night; 6
I commune with my heart; and my spirit maketh search.
Will the Lord cast off for ever? 7
And will he be favourable no more?
Is his kindness wholly gone? 8
Doth his promise fail for all generations?
Hath God forgotten to be gracious? 9
Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? (A pause.)
And I said, 'This is my grief; 10
'The change in the right hand of the Most High.'
I will remember the works of Jah; 11
Surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

12 And I will meditate of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.
13 Thy way, O God, is in holiness;
What god is so great as our God!
14 Thou art the God that doest wonders;
Thou hast made known thy strength among the people.
15 Thou didst with thine arm redeem thy people,
The sons of Jacob and Joseph. (A pause.)
16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee;
They were afraid; the depths also were troubled.
17 The clouds poured out water; the skies sent out a sound;
Thine arrows also went abroad.
18 The voice of thy thunder was in the whirlwind;
The lightnings lightened the world;
The earth trembled and shook.
19 Thy way was on the sea, and thy path on the great waters,
And thy footsteps were not known.
20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock
By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

LXXVIII.

A Poem of [or for] Asaph.

1 Give ear, O my people, to my law;
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter the dark sayings of old,
3 Which we have heard and known,
And which our fathers have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their children,
Shewing to the generation to come
The praises of Jehovah, and his strength,
And his wonderful works that he hath done.
5 For he set up a testimony in Jacob, and put a law in Israel,
Which he commanded our fathers
To make known to their children;
6 So that the generation to come might know them,
That the children that should be born might arise,
And might declare them to their children;
7 That they might set their hope in God,
And not forget the works of God,
But might keep his commandments;
8 And might not be as their fathers,
A stubborn and rebellious generation;

A generation that set not their heart aright,
And whose spirit was not steadfast with God.
The children of Ephraim, armed and carrying bows, 9
Turned back in the day of battle.
They kept not the covenant of God, 10
And refused to walk in his law;
And they forgot his works, 11
And his wonders that he had shewed them.
Wonders did he in the sight of their fathers, 12
In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan [or Tanis].
He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; 13
And he made the waters to stand as a heap.
In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, 14
And all the night with a light of fire.
He clave the rocks in the desert, 15
And gave them drink as out of the great depths.
He brought streams also out of the rock, 16
And caused waters to run down like rivers.
And they sinned yet more against him 17
By provoking the Most High in the wilderness.
And they tried God in their heart 18
By asking food for their desires.
Yea, they spake against God; they said, 19
'Can God furnish a table in the desert?
'Behold, he smote the rock, 20
'That waters gushed out, and streams overflowed;
'Can he bring bread also to give it?
'Can he provide flesh for his people?'
Therefore Jehovah heard, and was wroth; 21
So a fire was kindled against Jacob,
And anger also came up against Israel;
Because they believed not in God, 22
And trusted not in his salvation;
Though he had commanded the skies from above, 23
And had opened the doors of the heavens,
And had rained down manna upon them to eat, 24
And had given them of the corn of heaven.
Every man did eat the food of princes; 25
He sent them flesh-meat to the full.
He caused an east wind to blow in the heavens; 26
And then by his power he brought on the south wind.
He rained flesh also upon them as dust, 27

And feathered fowls as the sand of the ocean;
28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp,
Round about their habitations.
29 So they did eat, and were greatly filled;
For he gave them their own desire;
30 They were not estranged from their longing.
While their food was yet in their mouths,
31 The wrath of God came upon them,
And slew the fattest of them,
And bowed down the chosen men of Israel.
32 For all this they sinned still,
And believed not for his wondrous works.
33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity,
And their years in trouble.
34 When he slew them, then they sought him;
And they returned and inquired early after God.
35 And they remembered that God was their rock,
And the most high God their redeemer.
36 Nevertheless they flattered him with their mouth,
And they lied unto him with their tongues.
37 For their heart was not right with him,
Neither were they steadfast in his covenant.
38 But he, being full of compassion,
Forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not;
Yea, many a time turned he his anger away
And he did not stir up all his wrath.
39 For he remembered that they were flesh;
A breath that passeth away, and cometh not again.
40 How oft did they provoke him in the desert,
And grieve him in the wilderness!
41 Yea, they turned back and tried God,
And vexed the Holy One of Israel.
42 They remembered not his hand,
Nor the day when he redeemed them from the enemy.
43 How he wrought his signs in Lower Egypt,
And his wonders in the field of Zoan;
44 And turned their rivers into blood,
And their streams, that they could not drink.
45 He sent beetles among them, which devoured them;
And frogs, which destroyed them.
46 He gave also their fruits unto the great locust,
And their labour unto the caterpillar.

He destroyed their vines with hail, 47
And their sycamore trees with frost.
He gave up their cattle also to the hail, 48
And their flocks to the lightning.
He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, 49
Wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels.
He levelled a path for his anger; 50
He spared not their soul from death,
But gave their life over to the pestilence;
And he smote all the firstborn in Egypt; 51
The chief of their strength in the tents of Ham;
But made his own people to go forth like sheep, 52
And guided them in the desert like a flock.
And he led them on safely, so that they feared not; 53
But the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
And he brought them to the border of his Holy Place, 54
To this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.
He cast out the Nations also before them, 55
And allotted them an inheritance by line,
And made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
Yet they tried and provoked the most high God, 56
And kept not his testimonies;
But turned back, and transgressed like their fathers; 57
They turned aside like a deceitful bow.
For they provoked him to anger by their High Places, 58
And moved him to jealousy by their graven images.
When God heard this, he was wroth, 59
And greatly abhorred Israel;
So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, 60
The tent in which he had dwelt among men;
And delivered his strength into captivity, 61
And his glory into the enemy's hand.
He gave his people over also unto the sword; 62
And he was wroth with his inheritance.
The fire consumed their young men; 63
And their maidens had no wedding song.
Their priests fell by the sword; 64
And their widows made no lamentation.
Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, 65
Like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.
And he smote his enemies in the hinder part; 66
He put them to a perpetual reproach.

67 Moreover he refused the tent of Joseph,
And chose not the tribe of Ephraim;
68 But chose the tribe of Judah, mount Zion which he loved.
69 And he built his Sanctuary on high,
Like the earth which he hath established for ever.
70 He chose David also his servant,
And took him from the sheepfolds;
71 He brought him from following those that gave suck,
To feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.
72 So he fed them as in the honesty of his heart;
And guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

LXXIX.

A Psalm of [or for] Asaph.

1 O God, the Nations are come into thine inheritance;
Thy holy temple have they defiled;
They have laid Jerusalem in ruins.
2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given
To be food unto the fowls of the heavens,
The flesh of thy saints unto the wild beasts of the earth.
3 Their blood have they shed like water around Jerusalem;
And there was none to bury them.
4 We are become a reproach to our neighbours,
A scorn and derision to them that are around us.
5 How long, O Jehovah, wilt thou be wholly angry?
Shall thy jealousy burn like fire?
6 Pour out thy wrath on the Nations that know thee not,
And on the kingdoms that call not upon thy name;
7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling.
8 O remember not against us former iniquities;
Let thy tender mercies speedily come to meet us;
For we are brought very low.
9 Help us, O God of our salvation,
For the glory of thy name;
And deliver us, and pardon our sins, for thy name's sake.
10 Why should the Nations say, 'Where is their God?'
Let him be known among the Nations in our sight
By revenging the blood of thy servants which is shed.
11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee;
According to the greatness of thine arm
Preserve those that are appointed to die;
12 And render to our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom

Their reproach, wherewith they reproached thee, O Lord.
For we are thy people and the sheep of thy pasture; 13
We will give thanks unto thee for ever;
We will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

LXXX.

For the chief Musician upon the Lily instrument; A Poem of [or for] Asaph; a Psalm.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, 1
Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;
Thou that dwellest between the cherubs, shine forth.
Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh 2
Stir up thy strength, and come and save us.
Bring us home again, O God, 3
And cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.
O Jehovah God of hosts, how long 4
Wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?
Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; 5
And givest them tears to drink in great measure.
Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours; 6
And our enemies laugh among themselves.
Bring us home again, O God of hosts, 7
And cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.
Thou didst bring a vine out of Egypt; 8
Thou didst cast out the Nations, and planted it.
Thou preparedst room before it, 9
And didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.
The hills were covered with the shadow of it, 10
And the boughs thereof were like the cedars of God.
She sent out her branches unto the [Great] sea, 11
And her suckers unto the river [Euphrates].
Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, 12
So that all they which pass by the way do pluck from her?
The boar out of the wood doth waste it, 13
And the wild beast of the field doth feed on it.
Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts; 14
Look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine,
And protect what thy right hand hath planted, 15
And the son that thou madest strong for thyself.
It is burned with fire, it is cut down; 16
May they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
Let thy hand be on the man of thy right hand, 17
On the son of Adam whom thou madest strong for thyself.

18 So will not we go back from thee;
Revive us, and we will call upon thy name.
19 Bring us home again, O Jehovah God of hosts,
Cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

LXXXI.

For the chief Musician upon the Guitar, [A Psalm] of [or for] Asaph.

1 Sing aloud unto God our strength;
Make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.
2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel,
The pleasant harp with the psaltery.
3 Blow up the trumpet at the new moon,
At the full moon, on the day of our Feast.
4 For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.
5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony,
When He went out against the land of Egypt,
Where I heard a language that I understood not.
6 'I removed his shoulder from the burden;
'His hands were delivered from the basket.
7 'Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee;
'I answered thee in the secret place of thunder;
'I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. (A pause.)
8 'Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee;
'O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;
9 'There shall no strange god be in thee;
'Neither shalt thou worship any foreign god.
10 'I am Jehovah thy God,
'Who brought thee out of the land of Lower Egypt;
'Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
11 'But my people did not hearken to my voice;
'And Israel did not desire me.
12 'So I gave them up to the stubbornness of their hearts;
'And they walked in their own counsels.
13 'Oh that my people had hearkened unto me,
'And Israel had walked in my ways!
14 'I should soon have subdued their enemies,
'And turned my hand against their adversaries.
15 'The haters of Jehovah would have fawned before him;
'And [Israel's] time would have endured for ever.
16 'He would have fed them also with the best of the wheat;
'And with honey out of the rock would I have satisfied thee.'

LXXXII.

A Psalm of [or for] Asaph.

God standeth in the congregation of El [or God]; 1
He judgeth among the gods, [saying,]
'How long will ye judge unjustly, 2
'And regard the persons of the wicked? (A pause.)
'Plead for the poor and fatherless; 3
'Do justice to the afflicted and needy.
'Deliver the poor and needy; 4
'Save them out of the hand of the wicked.
'They know not, nor understand; they walk in darkness; 5
'All the foundations of the earth are disturbed.
'I have said, Ye are gods; 6
'And all of you are sons of the Most High.
'But ye shall die like men, and fall as one of the princes.' 7
Arise, O God, judge the earth; 8
For thou shalt inherit all nations.

LXXXIII.

A Song or Psalm of [or for] Asaph.

Keep not thou silence, O God; 1
Hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.
For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult; 2
And they that hate thee have lifted up the head.
They have plotted counsel against thy people, 3
And consulted against those whom thou protectest.
They said, 'Come, and let us cut them off from being a 4
nation;
'That the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.'
For they consulted together with one mind; 5
They have made a treaty against thee;
The tents of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; 6
The Moabites, and the Hagarenes;
Gebal, and the Ammonites, and the Amalekites; 7
The Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;
Assyria also is joined with them; 8
They have helped the children of Lot. (A pause.)
Do unto them as unto the Midianites; 9
As to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison;
Who perished at Ain-dor; who became dung for the earth. 10
Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb; 11
Yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna;
Who said, 'Let us take possession of the dwelling of God.' 12

13 O my God, make them like thistledown;
As chaff before the wind.
14 As the fire burneth the forest,
And as the flame setteth the mountains on fire;
15 So persecute them with thy tempest,
And make them afraid with thy storm.
16 Fill their faces with shame;
That they may seek thy name, O Jehovah.
17 Let them be confounded and be afraid for ever;
Yea, let them be put to shame, and perish;
18 That men may know that thou, whose name is Jehovah,
Art alone the Most High over all the earth.

LXXXIV.

For the chief Musician upon the Guitar, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

1 How lovely is thy tabernacle, O Jehovah of hosts!
2 My soul longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of Jehovah;
My heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.
3 Yea, the sparrow hath found for herself a house,
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,
Even thine altars, O Jehovah of hosts, my King, and my God.
4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house;
They are ever praising thee. (A pause.)
5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee;
In whose heart are the highways [to Zion].
6 They pass through the valley of Baca;
They drink of the well; the early rain also filleth the pools.
7 They go from strength to strength,
Every one of them appeareth before God in Zion.
8 O Jehovah God of hosts, hear my prayer;
Give ear, O God of Jacob. (A pause.)
9 Behold, O God our shield,
And look upon the face of thine anointed.
10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.
I had rather wait at the threshold of the House of my God,
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
11 For Jehovah God is a sun and a shield;
Jehovah will give grace and glory;
No good will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.
12 O Jehovah of hosts,
Blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

LXXXV.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

O Jehovah, thou wast favourable unto thy land; 1
Thou didst bring back home the captivity of Jacob.
Thou didst forgive the iniquity of thy people, 2
Thou didst cover all their sin. (A pause.)
Thou didst take away all thy wrath; 3
Thou didst turn thine anger from its fierceness.
Turn to us, O God of our salvation, 4
And cause thine anger toward us to cease.
Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? 5
Wilt thou draw on thine anger to all generations?
Wilt thou not revive us again, 6
That thy people may rejoice in thee?
Shew us thy kindness, O Jehovah, and grant us thy salvation. 7
I will hear what the God Jehovah will speak; 8
For he speaketh peace to his people, and to his holy ones;
But let them not turn again to folly.
Surely his salvation is nigh to them that fear him; 9
That his glory may dwell in our land.
Kindness and truth are met together; 10
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth will spring out of the earth; 11
And righteousness will look down from heaven.
Yea, Jehovah will give that which is good; 12
And our land will yield her increase.
Righteousness will go before him; 13
And will set us in the way of his steps.

LXXXVI.

A Prayer of David.

Bow down thine ear, O Jehovah; answer me, 1
For I am poor and needy.
Preserve my soul, for I am holy; 2
O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.
Be merciful to me, O Lord; for I cry unto thee daily. 3
Rejoice the soul of thy servant; 4
For unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; 5
And plenteous in kindness to all that call upon thee.
Give ear, O Jehovah, unto my prayer; 6
And attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee;
For thou wilt answer me.
8 Among gods there is none like to thee, O Lord;
Neither are there any works like unto thy works.
9 All nations whom thou hast made will come
And will worship before thee, O Lord;
10 And glorify thy name, for thou art great;
And thou doest wondrous things; thou art God alone.
11 Teach me thy way, O Jehovah; I will walk in thy truth;
Unite my whole heart to fear thy name.
12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart;
And I will glorify thy name for evermore.
13 For great is thy kindness toward me;
And thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.
14 O God, the proud are risen up against me,
And the assemblies of violent men seek after my soul;
And they have not set thee before them.
15 But thou, O Lord, art a God of compassion, and gracious,
Slow to anger, and plenteous in kindness and truth.
16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me;
Give thy strength unto thy servant,
And save the son of thine handmaid.
17 Shew me a token for good;
That they that hate me may see it, and be ashamed,
When thou, Jehovah, hast helped me, and comforted me.

LXXXVII.

A Psalm or Song for the sons of Korah.

1 Its foundation is on the holy mountains;
2 Jehovah loveth the gates of Zion
More than all the dwellings of Jacob.
3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. (A pause.)
4 I will allow mention of the Boaster [or Egypt],
And of Babylon, to those that know me;
Behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia,
[They may say], 'This man was born there.'
5 But of Zion it will be said,
'This and that man was born in her;
'And the Most High himself establisheth her.'
6 Jehovah will count, when he writeth up the people,
'This man was born there.' (A pause.)

And the princes shall be as men slain; 7
All my well-springs are in thee.

LXXXVIII.

A Song or Psalm for the sons of Korah, for the chief Musician upon the Lute, with answers, A Poem of Heman the Ezrahite.

O Jehovah, the God of my salvation, 1
I have cried by day, and by night I am before thee;
Let my prayer come into thy presence; 2
Incline thine ear unto my cry;
For my soul is full of troubles; 3
And my life draweth nigh unto the grave.
I am counted with them that are gone down into the pit; 4
I am as a man that hath no strength;
As men cast down among the dead, like the slain 5
Who lie in the tomb, whom thou rememberest no more;
And they are cut off from thy hand.
Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, 6
In darkness, in the deeps.
Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, 7
And thou afflictest me with all thy waves. (A pause.)
Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; 8
Thou hast made me an abomination to them;
I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.
Mine eye melteth by reason of affliction; 9
O Jehovah, I call daily upon thee,
I stretch out my hands unto thee.
Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? 10
Will departed spirits arise to praise thee? (A pause.)
Will thy kindness be declared in the tomb? 11
Or thy faithfulness in the pit of destruction?
Will thy wonders be known in the dark? 12
And thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
But unto thee do I cry, O Jehovah; 13
And in the morning shall my prayer come before thee.
Why, O Jehovah, castest thou off my soul? 14
Why hidest thou thy face from me?
I have been afflicted and perishing from my youth up; 15
I suffer thy terrors; I am distracted.
Thy wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off. 16
They came round about me daily like water; 17
They have encompassed me together.

18 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me,
And mine acquaintance have hidden themselves.

LXXXIX.

A Poem of Ethan the Ezrahite.

1 I will sing of the kindness of Jehovah for ever;
With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness
To generations and generations.
2 For I have said, 'Kindness is built up for ever.'
Thy truth thou establishest in the heavens, [saying,]
3 'I have made a covenant with my chosen,
'I have sworn unto David my servant,
4 'Thy seed will I establish for ever,
'And build up thy throne to all generations.' (A pause.)
5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Jehovah;
Thy truth also in the assembly of the holy ones.
6 For who in the skies can be compared to Jehovah?
Who of the sons of the gods can be likened to Jehovah?
7 God is terrible in the council of the holy ones,
And to be had in reverence by all that are about him.
8 O Jehovah God of hosts, who is like unto thee?
Strong art thou, Jehovah, and thy truth is round about thee.
9 Thou rulest the pride of the sea;
When the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.
10 Thou hast broken the Boaster, [or Egypt,] as one slain;
Thou scatterest thine enemies with thy strong arm.
11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine;
The world and its fulness, thou didst found them.
12 The north and the south, thou didst create them;
Tabor and Hermon sing aloud in thy name.
13 Thou hast an arm of might;
Strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.
14 Justice and right are the foundation of thy throne;
Kindness and truth go before thy face.
15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound;
They walk, O Jehovah, in the light of thy countenance.
16 In thy name they rejoice all the day;
And in thy righteousness will they be exalted.
17 For thou art the glory of their strength;
And in thy favour our horn will be exalted.
18 For unto Jehovah belongeth our shield,
And our king unto the Holy One of Israel.
19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy godly one,

And saidst, 'I have laid help on a mighty one;
'I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
'I have found David my servant; 20
'With my holy oil have I anointed him;
'With him my hand shall be established; 21
'Mine arm also shall strengthen him.
'The enemy shall not seize upon him; 22
'The son of wickedness shall not afflict him.
'And I will beat down his foes before his face, 23
'And I will plague them that hate him.
'But my faithfulness and my kindness shall be with him; 24
'And in my name shall his horn be exalted.
'I will set his hand also on the [Great] sea, 25
'And his right hand on the river [Euphrates].
'He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, 26
'My God, and the rock of my salvation.
'Also I will make him my firstborn, 27
'Higher than the kings of the earth.
'My kindness will I keep for him for evermore, 28
'And my covenant shall stand fast with him.
'His seed also will I make to endure for ever, 29
'And his throne as the days of the heavens.
'If his sons forsake my law, and walk not in my judg- 30
ments;
'If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; 31
'Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, 32
'And their iniquity with stripes.
'Yet my kindness will I not utterly take from him, 33
'Nor will I deceive him in my faithfulness.
'My covenant will I not break, 34
'Nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.
'Once have I sworn by my holiness 35
'That I will not be false unto David.
'His seed shall endure for ever, 36
'And his throne as the sun before me.
'It shall be established for ever as the moon, 37
'And the faithful witness [or rainbow] in the sky.' (A
pause.)
But thou hast cast off and abhorrest, 38
Thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.
Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant; 39
Thou hast profaned his crown to the ground.

40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges;
Thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin.
41 All that pass by the way plunder him;
He is the reproach of his neighbours.
42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries;
Thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.
43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword,
And hast not made him to stand up in the battle.
44 Thou hast made his brightness to cease,
And hast cast his throne down to the ground.
45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened;
Thou hast covered him with shame. (A pause.)
46 How long, O Jehovah, wilt thou wholly hide thyself?
Doth thy wrath burn like fire?
47 Remember how short my lifetime is;
Wherefore hast thou made all sons of Adam in vain?
48 What man that liveth shall not see death?
Can he save his soul from the hand of the grave? (A pause.)
49 Lord, where are thy former kindnesses,
Which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?
50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants,
Which I bear in my bosom, from all the mighty people;
51 Wherewith thine enemies reproach, O Jehovah,
Wherewith they reproach the heels of thine anointed.
52 Blessed be Jehovah for evermore.
Amen, and Amen.

XC.

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

1 Lord, thou hast been our refuge in all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or thou hadst formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
3 Thou turnest man to destruction;
And sayest, 'Return, ye children of Adam.'
4 For a thousand years in thine eyes
Are as yesterday when it is past,
And as a watch in the night.
5 Thou sendest showers on them when they are asleep;
In the morning they are like grass which groweth up.
6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up;
In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

For we are consumed by thine anger, 7
And by thy wrath are we made to tremble.
Thou settest our iniquities before thee, 8
Our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
For all our days pass away in thy wrath; 9
We spend our years as a tale that is told.
The days of our years are threescore years and ten; 10
And if by reason of strength they be fourscore years,
Yet is their pride labour and sorrow;
For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
Who knoweth the power of thine anger? 11
Even according to the fear of thee, so is thy wrath.
So teach us to number our days, 12
That we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
Return, O Jehovah, how long? 13
And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
O satisfy us early with thy kindness; 14
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Gladden us according to the days that thou hast afflicted us, 15
And the years wherein we have seen evil.
Let thy work appear unto thy servants, 16
And thy glory unto their children.
And let the beauty of Jehovah our God be upon us; 17
And establish thou the work of our hands on us;
Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

XCI.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High 1
Lodgeth under the shadow of the Almighty.
He saith of Jehovah, 'He is my refuge and my fortress; 2
'My God; in him will I trust.'
Surely he will deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, 3
And from the noisome pestilence.
He will cover thee with his feathers, 4
And under his wings mayest thou trust;
His truth will be thy shield and buckler.
Thou wilt not be afraid for the terror by night; 5
Nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; 6
Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
A thousand may fall at thy side, 7
And ten thousand at thy right hand;
But it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only with thine eyes wilt thou behold
And see the reward of the wicked.
9 (Truly thou, O Jehovah, art my refuge;
Thou hast made thy habitation on high.)
10 There will no evil befall thee,
Neither will any plague come nigh thy tent.
11 For he will give his angels charge over thee,
To keep thee in all thy ways.
12 They will bear thee up in their hands,
Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
13 Thou shalt tread upon the roaring lion and adder;
The young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample on.
14 'Because he cleaveth to Me, I will deliver him;
'I will defend him, because he hath known my Name.
15 'He shall call on me, and I will answer him; I am with him;
'In trouble I will deliver him, and will honour him.
16 'With length of days will I satisfy him,
'And shew him my salvation.'

XCII.

A Psalm or Song for the sabbath day.

1 It is good to give thanks unto Jehovah,
And to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High;
2 To shew forth thy kindness in the morning,
And thy faithfulness every night,
3 On an instrument of ten strings, and on the psaltery,
Upon the harp with a solemn sound.
4 For thou, O Jehovah, hast made me glad by thy deeds;
I will sing aloud for the works of thy hands.
5 O Jehovah, how great are thy works!
Thy thoughts are very deep.
6 A brutish man knoweth not,
Neither doth a fool understand this.
7 When the wicked spring up as the grass,
And when all the workers of iniquity flourish;
It is that they may be destroyed for ever;
8 But thou, Jehovah, art on high for ever.
9 For, behold, thine enemies, O Jehovah,
For, behold, thine enemies will perish;
All the workers of iniquity will be scattered.
10 But my horn wilt thou exalt like that of a buffalo;
I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

Mine eye also will look down on mine enemies, 11
Mine ears will hear of the wicked that rise up against me.
The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree; 12
He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
Those that are planted in the House of Jehovah 13
Will flourish in the courts of our God.
They will yet bring forth fruit in old age; 14
They will be fat and flourishing;
To shew that Jehovah is upright. 15
He is my rock, and no unrighteousness is in him.

XCIII.

Jehovah reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; 1
Jehovah is clothed with strength, he girdeth himself;
The world also is established, that it cannot be shaken.
Thy throne is established of old; 2
Thou art from everlasting.
The floods have lifted up, O Jehovah, 3
The floods have lifted up their voice;
The floods lift up their waves.
Mightier than the noise of many waters, 4
Higher than the mighty waves of the sea, is Jehovah.
Thy testimonies are very sure; 5
Holiness adorneth thine House, O Jehovah, for ever.

XCIV.

O God of vengeance, Jehovah, God of vengeance, shine 1
forth.
Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth; 2
Render back a reward to the proud.
How long shall the wicked, O Jehovah, 3
How long shall the wicked triumph?
They utter and speak hard things; 4
All the workers of iniquity boast themselves.
They break in pieces thy people, O Jehovah, 5
And afflict thine heritage.
They slay the widow and the stranger, 6
And they murder the fatherless.
Yet they say, 'Jah will not see, 7
'Neither will the God of Jacob regard it.'
Understand, ye brutish among the people; 8
And ye fools, when will ye be wise?
He that planted the ear, can he not hear? 9
He that formed the eye, can he not see?

10 He that chastiseth the Nations, cannot he correct?
He that teacheth man knowledge, Jehovah,
11 He knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.
12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Jah,
And teachest him out of thy law;
13 To give him rest from the days of adversity,
Until the pit be digged for the wicked.
14 For Jehovah will not cast off his people,
Neither will he forsake his inheritance.
15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness;
And all the upright in heart shall follow it.
16 Who will rise up for me against the evil doers?
Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?
17 Unless Jehovah shall be my help,
My soul will quickly dwell in silence.
18 When I said, 'My foot slippeth;'
Thy kindness, O Jehovah, held me up.
19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me,
Thy consolations delight my soul.
20 Shall a wicked throne have fellowship with thee,
Which frameth mischief against the Law?
21 They rush against the life of the righteous,
And they condemn the innocent blood.
22 But Jehovah is my stronghold;
And my God is the rock of my refuge.
23 And he will bring upon them their own iniquity,
And will cut them off in their own wickedness;
Jehovah our God will cut them off.

XCV.

1 O come, let us sing unto Jehovah;
Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
And make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
3 For Jehovah is a great God, and a great King over all gods.
4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth;
The strength of the hills is his also.
5 The sea is his, and he made it;
And his hands formed the dry land.
6 O come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before Jehovah our Maker.
7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture,
And the sheep of his hand.

Oh that to-day ye would hear his voice, [saying,]
'Harden not your heart, as in the Strife [or at Meribah], 8
'As in the day of Trying [or at Massah] in the desert;
'When your fathers tried me, proved me, and saw my work. 9
'Forty years long was I wearied with this generation, 10
'And I said, It is a people that err in their heart,
'And they have not known my ways;
'Unto whom I sware in my wrath 11
'That they should not enter into my resting place.'

XCVI.

O sing unto Jehovah a new song; 1
Sing unto Jehovah, all the earth.
Sing unto Jehovah, bless his name; 2
Shew forth his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the Nations, 3
His wonders among all people.
For Jehovah is great, and greatly to be praised; 4
He is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the Nations are idols; 5
But Jehovah made the heavens.
Honour and majesty are in his presence; 6
Strength and beauty are in his Sanctuary.
Give unto Jehovah, O ye kindreds and people, 7
Give unto Jehovah glory and strength.
Give unto Jehovah the glory of his name; 8
Bring a meal offering, and come into his courts.
O worship Jehovah in robes of holiness; 9
Tremble before him, all the earth.
Say among the Nations that Jehovah reigneth; 10
Yea, the world is established so as not to be shaken;
He will judge the people righteously.
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; 11
Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.
Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein; 12
Then will all the trees of the forest sing before Jehovah;
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; 13
He will judge the world with righteousness,
And the people with his truth.

XCVII.

Jehovah reigneth; let the earth rejoice; 1
Let the multitude of the isles be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him; 2

Justice and right are the foundation of his throne.
3 A fire goeth before him,
And it burneth up his enemies around.
4 His lightnings flash upon the world;
The earth seeth, and trembleth.
5 The hills melt like wax at the presence of Jehovah,
At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
And all people see his glory.
7 Confounded be all that serve graven images,
That boast of idols; worship him, all ye gods.
8 Zion heard, and was glad;
And the daughters of Judah rejoiced
Because of thy judgments, O Jehovah.
9 For thou, Jehovah, art high above all the earth;
Thou art exalted far above all gods.
10 Ye that love Jehovah, hate evil;
He preserveth the souls of his godly ones;
He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.
11 Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart.
12 Rejoice in Jehovah, ye righteous;
And give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

XCVIII.

A Psalm.

1 O sing unto Jehovah a new song;
For he hath done marvellous things;
His right hand, and his holy arm, have got him victory.
2 Jehovah hath made known his salvation;
He shewed his righteousness in sight of the Nations.
3 He remembered his kindness and truth for the house of Israel;
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
4 Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all the earth;
Make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.
5 Sing unto Jehovah with the harp;
With the harp, and the voice of a psalm.
6 With trumpets and sound of cornet
Make a joyful noise before Jehovah, the King.
7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein.
8 Let the floods clap their hands;

Let the hills be joyful together before Jehovah; 9
For he cometh to judge the earth.
With righteousness will he judge the world,
And the people with equity.

XCIX.

Jehovah reigneth; let the people tremble; 1
He sitteth between the cherubs; let the earth be moved.
Jehovah is great in Zion; 2
And he is high above all the people.
Let them praise thy great and terrible Name; 3
For it is holy and strong.
Thou art a king loving justice and establishing right; 4
Thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.
Exalt ye Jehovah our God, 5
And worship at his footstool; for he is holy.
Moses and Aaron among his priests, 6
And Samuel among them that call upon his name;
They called upon Jehovah, and he answered them.
He spake unto them in the pillar of cloud; 7
They kept his testimonies, and the statute given to them.
Thou answeredst them, O Jehovah our God; 8
Thou wast a God that forgavest them,
Though thou tookest vengeance on their deeds.
Exalt Jehovah our God, and worship on his holy hill; 9
For Jehovah our God is holy.

C.

A Psalm of thanksgiving.
Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all ye lands. 1
Serve Jehovah with gladness; 2
Come before his presence with singing.
Know ye that Jehovah he is God; 3
He made us, and not we ourselves;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, 4
And into his courts with praise;
Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
For Jehovah is good; his kindness endureth for ever, 5
And his truth to generations and generations.

CI.

A Psalm of David.
I will sing of kindness and judgment; 1
Unto thee, O Jehovah, will I sing praise.

2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way.
O when wilt thou come unto me?
I will walk within my house in honesty of heart.
3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes;
I hate the work of sinners; it shall not cleave to me.
4 A froward heart shall depart from me;
I will not know a wicked person.
5 Him that privily slandereth his friend will I cut off;
A man of high look or greedy heart will not I suffer.
6 Mine eyes are on the faithful of the land,
That they may dwell with me;
He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.
7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell in my house;
He that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.
8 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land;
That I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of Jehovah.

CII.

A Prayer for the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before Jehovah.

1 Hear my prayer, O Jehovah, and let my cry come unto thee.
2 Hide not thy face from me in the day of my trouble;
Incline thine ear unto me in the day when I call;
Answer me speedily.
3 For my days are consumed like smoke,
And my bones are burned as a firebrand.
4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass;
For I forget to eat my bread,
5 By reason of the voice of my groaning.
My bones cleave to my skin.
6 I am like a pelican of the desert;
I am become like an owl of the barren valley.
7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone on the house top.
8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day;
They that are mad against me are sworn against me.
9 For I have eaten ashes like bread,
And have mingled my drink with weeping,
10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath.
For thou didst lift me up, and castest me down.
11 My days are like a lengthened shadow;
And I am withered like grass.
12 But thou, O Jehovah, wilt endure for ever;

And thy remembrance unto all generations.
Thou wilt arise, and have pity upon Zion; 13
For the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.
For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, 14
They look with favour even on the dust thereof.
Then will the Nations fear the name of Jehovah, 15
And all the kings of the earth thy glory.
When Jehovah buildeth up Zion, he will appear in his glory. 16
He will regard the prayer of the destitute, 17
And he will not despise their prayer.
This is written for the generation to come; 18
That the people to be created may praise Jah.
For he looked down from his holy height; 19
From heaven did Jehovah behold the earth;
To hear the groaning of the prisoner; 20
To loose those that are appointed to death;
That they may declare the name of Jehovah in Zion, 21
And his praise in Jerusalem;
When the peoples are gathered together, 22
And the kingdoms, to serve Jehovah.
He hath weakened my strength in the way; 23
He hath shortened my days. I said, 24
O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days;
Thy years are throughout generations and generations.
Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth; 25
And the heavens are the work of thy hands.
They will perish, but thou wilt endure; 26
Yea, all of them will wax old like a garment;
As a vesture wilt thou change them, and they will be changed;
But thou art the same, and thy years will have no end. 27
May the children of thy servants dwell, 28
And their seed be established, in thy presence.

CIII.

[A Psalm] of David.
Bless Jehovah, O my soul; 1
And all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless Jehovah, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. 2
He forgiveth all thine iniquities; he healeth all thy diseases; 3
He redeemeth thy life from destruction; 4

He crowneth thee with kindness and mercies;
5 He satisfieth thine old age with good things;
So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
6 Jehovah executeth righteousness
And judgment for all that are oppressed.
7 He made known his ways unto Moses,
His deeds unto the children of Israel.
8 Jehovah is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and plenteous in kindness.
9 He will not always chide, nor keep his anger for ever.
10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins;
Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is his kindness toward them that fear him.
12 As far as the east is from the west,
So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
13 Like as a father pitieth his children,
So Jehovah pitieth them that fear him.
14 For he knoweth our frame;
He remembereth that we are dust.
15 As for man, his days are as grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;
And the place thereof knoweth it no more.
17 But the kindness of Jehovah is from everlasting
And to everlasting upon them that fear him,
And his righteousness unto children's children;
18 To such as keep his covenant,
And remember his commandments to do them.
19 Jehovah hath prepared his throne in the heavens;
And his kingdom ruleth over all.
20 Bless Jehovah, ye his angels, mighty in strength,
Doing his commands, hearkening to the voice of his word.
21 Bless ye Jehovah, all ye his hosts;
Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
22 Bless Jehovah, all his works, in all places of his dominion;
Bless Jehovah, O my soul.

CIV.

1 Bless Jehovah, O my soul.
O Jehovah my God, thou art very great;
Thou art clothed with honour and majesty.
2 He covereth himself with light as with a cloak;

He stretcheth out the heavens like a curtain;
He resteth the beams of his high road on the waters; 3
He maketh the clouds his chariot;
He goeth upon the wings of the wind;
He maketh the winds his messengers; 4
The flames of fire his servants;
He established the earth on its foundations, 5
That it should not be shaken for ever.
Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment; 6
The waters stood above the mountains.
At thy rebuke they fled; 7
At the voice of thy thunder they hastened away.
They rise over the hills, they go down into the valleys, 8
Unto the place which thou hast founded for them.
Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; 9
That they turn not again to cover the earth.
He sendeth the springs into the valleys; 10
They run between the hills.
They give drink to every wild beast of the field; 11
The wild asses quench their thirst.
Near them dwell the fowls of the heavens, 12
Which put forth their songs among the branches.
He watereth the hills from his high chambers; 13
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.
He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, 14
And herb for the service of man;
That he may bring forth bread out of the earth;
And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, 15
And oil to make his face to shine,
And bread which strengtheneth man's heart.
The trees of Jehovah are satisfied; 16
The cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;
Where the birds make their nests. 17
As for the stork, the fir trees are her house.
The high hills are for the wild goats; 18
And the rocks are a refuge for the conies.
He appointed the moon for seasons; 19
The sun knoweth its going down.
Thou makest the darkness, and it is night; 20
Wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.
The young lions roar after their prey, 21
And seek their food from God.

22 The sun ariseth, they withdraw themselves,
And they lay themselves down in their dens.
23 Man goeth forth unto his work
And to his labour until the evening.
24 O Jehovah, how manifold are thy works!
In wisdom hast thou made them all;
The earth is full of thy riches.
25 So is this sea, great and wide in its shores,
Wherein are things creeping without number,
Living creatures both small and great.
26 There go the ships; there is that crocodile,
Whom thou hast formed to play therein.
27 These wait all upon thee;
That thou mayest give them their food in due season.
28 What thou givest them they gather;
Thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.
29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled;
Thou takest away their breath, they die,
And they return to their dust.
30 Thou sendest forth thy breath, they are created;
And thou renewest the face of the earth.
31 The glory of Jehovah will endure for ever;
Jehovah will rejoice in his works.
32 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth;
He toucheth the mountains, and they smoke.
33 I will sing unto Jehovah as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
34 May my meditation be pleasant unto him;
I will be glad in Jehovah.
35 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth,
And let the wicked be no more.
Bless thou Jehovah, O my soul.
Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah].

CV.

1 O give thanks unto Jehovah; call upon his name;
Make known his deeds among the people.
2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him;
Meditate ye on all his wondrous works.
3 Glory ye in his holy name;
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek Jehovah.
4 Inquire for Jehovah, and his strength;
Seek his face continually.

Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; 5
His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;
O ye seed of Abraham his servant, 6
Ye children of Jacob his chosen one.
He is Jehovah our God; his judgments are in all the earth. 7
He hath remembered his covenant for ever, 8
The word which he commanded to a thousand generations,
Which he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac. 9
And he confirmed it unto Jacob for a statute, 10
To Israel for an everlasting covenant;
Saying, 'Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, 11
'For the lines of your inheritance.'
When they were but a few men in number, 12
Yea, very few, and strangers in it;
When they went about from nation to nation, 13
From one kingdom to another people;
He suffered no man to do them wrong; 14
Yea, he reproved kings for their sakes; [saying]
'Touch not mine anointed ones, and do my prophets no harm.' 15
Moreover he called for a famine upon the land; 16
He brake the whole staff of bread,
He sent a man before them, 17
Joseph, who was sold for a bond-servant;
Whose feet they hurt with fetters; he was laid in iron; 18
Until the time that His word came; 19
The word of Jehovah tried him.
The king sent and loosed him; 20
Even the ruler of the people, and let him go free.
He made him lord of his house, 21
And ruler of all his possessions;
To bind his princes at his pleasure; 22
And teach his aged men wisdom.
Israel also came into Lower Egypt; 23
And Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
And He increased his people greatly; 24
And made them stronger than their enemies.
He turned their heart to hate his people, 25
To deal subtilly with his servants.
He sent Moses his servant, 26
And Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 They shewed his signs among them,
And wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and made it dark;
And they rebelled not against his word.
29 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.
30 Their land swarmed with frogs, in the chambers of their kings.
31 He spake, and beetles came, gnats in all their boundaries.
32 He gave them hail for rain, and flaming fire in their land.
33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees;
And brake the trees within their boundaries.
34 He spake, and the caterpillars came,
And locusts, and that without number,
35 And they did eat up all the herbs in their land,
And they did eat up the fruit of their ground.
36 He smote also all the firstborn in their land,
The chief of all their strength.
37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold;
And there was not one feeble one among their tribes.
38 Egypt was glad when they departed;
For the fear of them had fallen upon them.
39 He spread a cloud for a covering,
And fire to give light by night.
40 They asked, and he brought quails,
And he satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out;
They ran in the dry places like a river.
42 For he remembered his holy word, and Abraham his servant.
43 And he brought forth his people with joy,
His chosen ones with singing;
44 And gave them the lands of the Nations;
And they took possession of the labour of the people;
45 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws.
Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah].

CVI.

1 Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah].
O give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good;
For his kindness endureth for ever.
2 Who can utter the mighty acts of Jehovah?
Who can shew forth all his praise?
3 Blessed are they that keep judgment,
And he that doeth righteousness at all times.

Remember me, O Jehovah, with favour for thy people; 4
O visit me with thy salvation;
That I may see the good of thy chosen ones, 5
That I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation,
That I may glory with thine inheritance.
We have sinned as did our fathers, 6
We have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.
Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; 7
They remembered not the greatness of thy mercies;
But they rebelled at the sea, at the Red sea.
Yet he saved them for his name's sake, 8
That he might make known his power.
He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up; 9
So he led them through the depths, as through the desert.
And he saved them from the hand of the foe, 10
And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
And the waters covered their enemies; not one of them 11
was left.
Then believed they his words; they sang his praise. 12
But they soon forgot his works; 13
They waited not for his counsel;
And they longed exceedingly in the desert, 14
And tempted God in the Wilderness.
And he gave them their request; 15
But sent leanness into their soul.
Then they were jealous of Moses in the camp, 16
And of Aaron the holy one of Jehovah.
The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, 17
And it covered over the company of Abiram.
And a fire was kindled in their company; 18
The flame burned up the wicked.
They made a calf in Horeb, 19
And worshipped the molten image.
Thus they changed their Glory [or God] 20
For the image of an ox that eateth grass.
They forgot the God that saved them, 21
Who had done great things in Lower Egypt,
Wondrous works in the land of Ham, 22
And terrible things by the Red sea.
Therefore he said that he would destroy them, 23
Had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,
To turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

24 Then they despised the Pleasant Land,
They believed not his word;
25 But murmured in their tents,
And hearkened not unto the voice of Jehovah.
26 Then he lifted up his hand [in oath] against them,
That he would overthrow them in the desert,
27 And overthrow their seed among the Nations,
And scatter them in the lands.
28 They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor,
And ate the sacrifices set out for the dead.
29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their doings;
And the plague brake in upon them.
30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment;
And so the plague was stayed.
31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness
Unto generations and generations for ever.
32 They angered Him also at the waters of Meribah,
So that it went ill with Moses for their sakes;
33 Because they made his spirit to rebel,
So that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.
34 They did not destroy the people,
Concerning whom Jehovah commanded them;
35 But mingled with the Nations, and learned their works,
36 And served their idols; which were a snare to them.
37 And they sacrificed their sons and daughters to demons,
38 And shed innocent blood,
The blood of their sons and daughters,
Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan;
And the land was polluted with bloodshed.
39 Thus were they defiled with their own works,
And went astray in their doings.
40 Then was the anger of Jehovah hot against his people,
Insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.
41 And he gave them into the hand of the Nations;
And they that hated them ruled over them.
42 Their enemies also oppressed them,
And they were subdued under their hand.
43 Very many times did he deliver them;
But they rebelled in their counsel,
And were brought low in their iniquity.
44 Yet he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry;
45 And he remembered for them his covenant,

And repented according to his great kindness.
He made them also to be pitied 46
In the sight of all those that carried them captives.
Save us, O Jehovah our God, and gather us from the 47
Nations,
To confess thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.
Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel from everlasting to 48
everlasting; and let all the people say, 'Amen.'
Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah].

CVII.

O give thanks unto Jehovah, for he is good; 1
For his kindness endureth for ever.
Let the redeemed of Jehovah say so, 2
Whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;
And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, 3
And from the west, from the north, and from the sea.
They wandered in the desert in a wilderness, 4
On the way to a city to dwell in, which they found not.
Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. 5
Then they cried unto Jehovah in their trouble, 6
And he delivered them out of their distresses.
And he led them forth by the right way, 7
That they might go to a city to dwell in.
Oh that men would praise Jehovah for his kindness, 8
And for his wonderful works to the children of Adam!
For he satisfied the longing soul, 9
And filled the hungry soul with what is good.
They sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, 10
Being bound in affliction and in iron;
Because they had rebelled against the words of God, 11
And had despised the counsel of the Most High;
Therefore he bowed down their heart with labour; 12
They fell down, and there was none to help.
Then they cried unto Jehovah in their trouble, 13
And he saved them out of their distresses.
He led them out of darkness and the shadow of death, 14
And brake their bands asunder.
Oh that men would praise Jehovah for his kindness, 15
And for his wonderful works to the children of Adam!
For he broke the doors of copper, 16
And cut the bars of iron asunder.

17 Fools in the path of their transgression,
And because of their iniquities, were they afflicted.
18 Their soul abhorred all manner of food;
And they drew near unto the gates of death.
19 Then they cried unto Jehovah in their trouble;
And he saved them out of their distresses.
20 He sent his word, and healed them,
And delivered them from their destroyers.
21 Oh that men would praise Jehovah for his kindness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of Adam!
22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And declare his works with singing.
23 They that go down to the sea in ships,
That do business on the great waters;
24 These see the works of Jehovah, and his wonders on the deep.
25 For he speaketh, and raiseth the stormy wind,
Which lifteth up the waves thereof.
26 They go up to the heavens, they go down to the depths;
Their soul is melted because of trouble.
27 They reel and stagger like a drunken man,
And all their skill is of none effect.
28 Then they cry unto Jehovah in their trouble,
And he bringeth them out of their distresses.
29 He maketh the storm a calm, and its waves are still.
30 Then are they glad because they are quiet;
So he bringeth them unto their desired haven.
31 Oh that men would praise Jehovah for his kindness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of Adam!
32 Let them exalt him also in the assembly of the people,
And praise him at the sitting of the elders.
33 He changeth rivers into a desert,
And the watersprings into thirsty ground;
34 A fruitful land into saltness,
Because of the wickedness of them that dwell in it.
35 He changeth the desert into a pool of water,
And dry ground into watersprings.
36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell,
That they may prepare a city to dwell in;
37 And may sow the fields, and plant vineyards,
Which may yield fruits of increase.

And he blesseth them, and they are multiplied greatly; 38
And he suffereth not their cattle to decrease.
Again, they are lessened and brought low 39
Through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.
He poureth contempt upon princes, 40
And causeth them to wander in a pathless waste.
Yet he lifteth up the poor from affliction, 41
And maketh for him families like a flock.
The righteous see it, and rejoice; 42
And all iniquity shutteth her mouth.
Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, 43
Then they shall understand the kindness of Jehovah.

CVIII.

A Song or Psalm of David.
O God, my heart is fixed; 1
I will sing and give praise, even to my Glory.
Awake, psaltery and harp; I will awake early. 2
I will give thanks to thee, O Jehovah, among the people; 3
And I will sing praise to thee among the Nations.
For thy kindness is great above the heavens; 4
And thy truth reacheth unto the skies.
Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; 5
And thy glory above all the earth;
So that thy beloved may be delivered; 6
Save thou with thy right hand, and answer me.
God spake in his Holy Place; 7
'I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem,
'And I will measure out the valley of Succoth.
'Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; 8
'Ephraim also is the strength of my head;
'Judah is my staff of power;
'Moab is my washpot; over Edom I empty my shoe; 9
'Over Philistia will I triumph.'
Who will bring me into the strong city? 10
Who will lead me into Edom?
Wilt not thou, O God, who hadst cast us off? 11
And wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?
Give us help from trouble; for vain is the help of man. 12
Through God we shall do valiantly; 13
For he it is that will tread down our enemies.

CIX.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

1 Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise;
2 For the mouth of the wicked
And the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me;
They have spoken against me with a lying tongue.
3 They encompass me also with words of hatred;
And they fight against me without a cause.
4 In return for my love they are my adversaries;
But I give myself unto prayer.
5 And they reward me evil in return for good,
And hatred in return for my love.
6 Set thou a wicked man over him;
And let Satan [or an accuser] stand at his right hand.
7 When judged, let him go forth condemned;
And let his prayer become sin.
8 Let his days be few; let another take his charge.
9 Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.
10 Let his children wander as vagabonds, and beg,
And seek [their bread] in their desolate places.
11 Let the usurer catch all that he hath;
And let the strangers plunder his labour.
12 Let there be none to extend kindness to him;
Neither let there be any to favour his orphans.
13 Let those who come after him be cut off;
In the next generation let their name be blotted out.
14 Let his father's iniquity be remembered by Jehovah;
And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.
15 Let them be before Jehovah continually,
That He may cut off the memory of them from the earth.
16 Because he remembered not to shew kindness,
But persecuted the poor and needy man,
That he might even slay the broken in heart.
17 As he loved cursing, so let that come to him;
As he delighted not in blessing, let that be far from him.
18 As he clothed himself with cursing as with a garment,
So let it enter within him like water,
And like oil into his bones.
19 Let it be to him as the garment that covereth him,
And for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.
20 Let this be the reward of my accusers from Jehovah,
And of them that speak evil against my soul.

But do thou for me, O Jehovah Lord, for thy name's sake; 21
Because thy kindness is good, deliver thou me.
For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within 22
me.
I am gone like the shadow when it is lengthened; 23
I am tossed up and down as the locust.
My knees are weak through fasting; 24
And my flesh faileth of fatness.
I am become also a reproach unto them; 25
When they look upon me they shake their heads.
Help me, O Jehovah my God; save me according to thy 26
mercy;
That they may know that this is thy hand; 27
That thou, O Jehovah, hast done it.
Let them curse, but do thou bless; 28
Let them arise, and be shamed; but let thy servant rejoice.
Let mine adversaries be clothed with confusion, 29
And cover themselves with their shame, as with a mantle.
I will greatly praise Jehovah with my mouth; 30
Yea, I will praise him among the multitude.
For he standeth at the right hand of the poor, 31
To save him from those that condemn his soul.

CX.

A Psalm of David.

Jehovah said to my Lord, 1
'Sit thou at my right hand,
'Until I make thine enemies a stool for thy feet.'
Jehovah sendeth the sceptre of thy power out of Zion; 2
Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies;
Thy people will be ready in thy day of battle. 3
In robes of holiness from the birth,
From the morning is the dew of thy youth.
Jehovah hath sworn, and will not repent, 4
'Thou art a priest for ever of the order of Melchizedek.'
The Lord is at thy right hand, 5
He will smite kings in the day of his wrath.
He will judge among the Nations, 6
He will fill them with dead bodies;
He will smite the heads over many countries.
[Israel] shall drink of the brook in the way; 7
Therefore shall he lift up his head.

CXI.

1 Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah].
א I will give thanks to Jehovah with my whole heart,
ב In the council of the upright, and in the assembly.
2 ג The works of Jehovah are great,
ד Sought out by all that have pleasure therein.
3 ה His work is honourable and glorious;
ו And his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 ז He hath made his wonders to be remembered;
ח Jehovah is gracious and full of compassion.
5 ט He hath given meat to them that fear him;
י He will remember his covenant for ever.
6 כ He shewed his people the power of his works,
ל Giving unto them the heritage of the Nations.
7 מ The works of his hands are truth and judgment;
נ All his commandments are sure.
8 ס They stand fast for ever and ever,
ע They are done in truth and uprightness.
9 פ He sent redemption unto his people;
צ He hath commanded his covenant for ever;
ק His name is holy and to be feared.
10 ר The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom;
ש A good understanding have all they that do thus;
ת His praise endureth for ever.

CXII.

1 Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah].
א Blessed is the man that feareth Jehovah,
ב That delighteth greatly in his commandments.
2 ג His seed will be mighty upon earth;
ד The generation of the upright will be blessed
3 ה Wealth and riches will be in his house;
ו And his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 ז Unto the upright, light ariseth in the darkness;
ח He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.
5 ט It is good for a man to shew favour, and lend;
י He guideth his affairs with judgment.
6 כ Surely he will not be disturbed for ever;
ל The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.
7 מ He is not afraid of evil tidings;
נ His heart is fixed, trusting in Jehovah.
8 ס His heart is established, he will not be afraid,

ע Until he look down upon his enemies.
פ He distributeth, he giveth to the poor; 9
צ His righteousness endureth for ever;
ק His horn will be exalted with honour.
ר The wicked will see it, and be grieved; 10
ש He will gnash with his teeth, and melt away;
ת The desire of the wicked will perish.

CXIII.

Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah]. 1
Praise, O ye servants of Jehovah,
Praise the name of Jehovah.
Blessed be the name of Jehovah 2
From this time forth and for ever.
From the rising of the sun to its going down 3
Jehovah's name is to be praised.
Jehovah is high above all nations, 4
His glory is above the heavens.
Who is like unto Jehovah our God, 5
Who dwelleth on high, and stoopeth 6
To look down on the heavens and on the earth!
He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, 7
He lifteth the needy off the dunghill;
That he may set him with princes, 8
Even with the princes of his people.
He maketh the barren woman to dwell in a house, 9
As a joyful mother of children.
Praise ye Jah.

CXIV.

When Israel went out of Lower Egypt, 1
The house of Jacob from a people of strange tongue;
Judah was his Holy Place, Israel his dominion. 2
The sea saw it, and fled; the Jordan turned back. 3
The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs. 4
What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? 5
Thou Jordan, that thou turnedst back?
Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; ye hills, like lambs? 6
Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, 7
At the presence of the God of Jacob;
Who turned the rock into a pool of water, 8
The flint into a fountain of waters.

CXV.

1 Not unto us, O Jehovah, not unto us, but unto thy name
Give glory, for thy kindness, and for thy truth's sake.
2 Why should the Nations say, 'Where is now their God?'
3 But our God is in the heavens;
He doeth whatsoever he pleaseth.
4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
5 They have mouths, but speak not; they have eyes, but see not;
6 They have ears, but hear not; noses, but they smell not;
7 Hands, but they handle not; feet, but they walk not;
Neither speak they through their throat.
8 They that make them are like unto them;
So is every one that trusteth in them.
9 O Israel, trust thou in Jehovah;
He is their help and their shield.
10 O house of Aaron, trust in Jehovah;
He is their help and their shield.
11 Ye that fear Jehovah, trust in Jehovah;
He is their help and their shield.
12 Jehovah hath been mindful of us; he will bless us;
He will bless the house of Israel;
He will bless the house of Aaron.
13 He will bless them that fear Jehovah, both small and great.
14 Jehovah will yet increase you, you and your children.
15 Ye are blessed of Jehovah, who made heaven and earth.
16 The heaven of heavens is for Jehovah;
But the earth hath he given to the children of Adam.
17 The dead praise not Jah,
Neither any that go down into silence.
18 But we will bless Jah from this time forth and for ever.
Praise ye Jah.

CXVI.

1 I love Jehovah, because he heareth the voice of my prayers.
2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,
Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
3 The sorrows of death encompassed me,
And the pains of hell had found me;
I had found trouble and sorrow.
4 Then called I upon the name of Jehovah;
'O Jehovah, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.'

Gracious is Jehovah, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful. 5
Jehovah preserveth the simple; 6
I was brought low, and he helped me.
Return unto thy rest, O my soul; 7
For Jehovah hath dealt bountifully with thee.
For thou hast delivered my soul from death, 8
Mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
I will walk before Jehovah in the land of the living. 9
I believed when I spoke, I cried aloud, 10
I said in my haste, 'All men are liars.' 11
How can I repay Jehovah for all his benefits to me? 12
I will take the cup of salvation, 13
And call upon the name of Jehovah.
Let me now pay my vows to Jehovah before all his people. 14
Precious in the eyes of Jehovah is the death of his saints. 15
O Jehovah, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, 16
The son of thine handmaid, but thou hast loosed my bonds.
I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, 17
And will call upon the name of Jehovah.
Let me now pay my vows to Jehovah before all his people, 18
In the courts of the House of Jehovah, 19
In the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.
Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah].

CXVII.

O praise Jehovah, all ye nations; 1
Give glory to him, all ye people.
For his kindness is great toward us; 2
And the truth of Jehovah endureth for ever.
Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah].

CXVIII.

O give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good; 1
For his kindness endureth for ever.
Let Israel now say, that his kindness endureth for ever. 2
Let the house of Aaron now say, that his kindness endureth for ever. 3
Let them that fear Jehovah now say, that his kindness endureth for ever. 4
I called upon Jah in my distress; 5
Jah answered me, and I was at large.
Jehovah is for me; I fear not what man can do to me. 6
Jehovah is for me with them that help me; 7

And I shall look down upon them that hate me.
8 It is better to trust in Jehovah than to put faith in man;
9 Better to trust in Jehovah than to put faith in princes.
10 All the Nations encompassed me about;
But in the name of Jehovah will I cut them off.
11 They encompassed me, yea, they encompassed me;
But in the name of Jehovah I will cut them off.
12 They encompassed me about like bees;
They are quenched as a fire of thorns;
For in the name of Jehovah I will cut them off.
13 Thou didst thrust sore at me that I might fall;
But Jehovah helped me.
14 Jah is my strength and song, and will be my salvation.
15 The voice of singing and salvation
Is in the tents of the righteous;
The right hand of Jehovah hath done valiantly.
16 The right hand of Jehovah is exalted;
The right hand of Jehovah hath done valiantly.
17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of Jah.
18 Jah hath chastened me sore;
But he hath not given me over unto death.
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them, I will give thanks unto Jah;
20 'This is the gate of Jehovah, by this the righteous enter.'
21 I will praise thee; for thou hast answered me,
And thou art become my salvation.
22 The stone which the builders rejected
Is become the head stone of the corner.
23 This is from Jehovah; it is marvellous in our eyes.
24 This is the day which Jehovah hath made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Save now, I beseech thee, O Jehovah;
O Jehovah, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.
26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of Jehovah;
We have blessed you from the House of Jehovah.
27 Jehovah is God, who hath shewed us light;
Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.
28 Thou art my God, and I will give thanks to thee;
Thou art my God, I will exalt thee.
29 O give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good;
For his kindness endureth for ever.

CXIX.

א Blessed are they that are perfect in the way, 1
Who walk in the Law of Jehovah.
א Blessed are they that keep his Testimonies, 2
And that seek him with the whole heart.
א They also do no iniquity, 3
They walk in his Ways.
א Thou hast commanded us as to thy Precepts, 4
That they should be kept diligently.
א O that my ways were directed 5
To keep thy Statutes!
א Then shall I not be ashamed, 6
When I have respect unto all thy Commandments.
א I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, 7
When I shall have learned thy righteous Judgments.
א I will keep thy Statutes; 8
O forsake me not utterly.
ב Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? 9
By taking heed according to thy Word.
ב With my whole heart have I sought thee; 10
O let me not wander from thy Commandments.
ב Thy Sayings have I hidden in mine heart, 11
That I might not sin against thee.
ב Blessed art thou, O Jehovah; 12
Teach me thy Statutes.
ב With my lips have I declared 13
All the Judgments of thy mouth.
ב I rejoice in the way of thy Testimonies, 14
As much as in all riches.
ב I will meditate on thy Precepts, 15
And have respect unto thy ways.
ב I will delight myself in thy Statutes; 16
I will not forget thy word.
ג Deal bountifully with thy servant, 17
That I may live, and keep thy Word.
ג Uncover thou mine eyes, that I may behold 18
The wondrous things out of thy Law.
ג I am a sojourner on the earth; 19
Hide not thy Commandments from me.
ג My soul breaketh because of its longing 20
After thy Judgments at all times.

21 ג Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed,
Who do wander from thy Commandments.
22 ג Remove from me reproach and contempt;
For I have kept thy Testimonies.
23 ג Princes also sit and speak against me;
But thy servant doth meditate on thy Statutes.
24 ג Thy Testimonies also are my delight
As men who are my counsellors.
25 ד My soul cleaveth unto the dust;
Quicken thou me according to thy Word.
26 ד I declared my ways, and thou didst answer me;
Teach me thy Statutes.
27 ד Make me to understand the way of thy Precepts;
So will I meditate on thy wondrous works.
28 ד My soul melteth for sorrow;
Raise thou me up according to thy Word.
29 ד Remove from me the way of lying;
And grant me thy Law graciously.
30 ד I have chosen the way of truth;
Thy Judgments have I laid before me.
31 ד I have cleaved unto thy Testimonies;
O Jehovah, put me not to shame.
32 ד I will run the way of thy Commandments,
When thou shalt enlarge my heart.
33 ה Teach me, O Jehovah, the way of thy Statutes;
And I will keep it unto the end.
34 ה Give me understanding, and I will keep thy Law;
Yea, I will observe it with my whole heart.
35 ה Make me to go in the path of thy Commandments,
For therein do I delight.
36 ה Incline my heart unto thy Testimonies,
And not to covetousness.
37 ה Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity;
And quicken thou me in thy Way.
38 ה Establish thy Word unto thy servant,
Who is established in thy fear.
39 ה Turn away my reproach which I dread;
For thy Judgments are good.
40 ה Behold, I have longed after thy Precepts;
Make me live in thy righteousness.
41 ו And let thy kindness come unto me, O Jehovah,
Even thy salvation, according to thy Word.

ו And I shall answer him that reproacheth me; 42
For I trust in thy Word.
ו And take not the word of truth out of my mouth; 43
For I have hoped in thy Judgments.
ו And I will keep thy Law 44
Continually for ever and ever.
ו And I shall walk about at large; 45
For I seek thy Precepts.
ו And I will speak of thy Testimonies before kings, 46
And I shall not be ashamed.
ו And I will delight myself in thy Commandments, 47
Which I have loved.
ו And my hands will I lift up to thy commands, 48
Which I have loved, and will meditate on thy Statutes.
ז Remember the Word unto thy servant, 49
Upon which thou hast caused me to hope.
ז This is my comfort in my affliction; 50
For thy Word hath kept me alive.
ז The proud have had me greatly in derision; 51
Yet have I not turned aside from thy Law.
ז I remembered thy Judgments of old, 52
O Jehovah; and I have comforted myself.
ז Horror hath taken hold upon me, 53
Because of the wicked that forsake thy Law.
ז Thy Statutes have been my songs 54
In the house of my pilgrimage.
ז I remember thy name, O Jehovah, in the night, 55
And will keep thy Law.
ז This I had, 56
Because I kept thy Precepts.
ח Thou art my portion, O Jehovah; 57
I have said that I would keep thy Words.
ח I entreated thy presence with my whole heart; 58
Be gracious unto me according to thy Word.
ח I thought on my ways, 59
And turned my feet unto thy Testimonies.
ח I made haste, and delayed not 60
To keep thy Commandments.
ח The bands of the wicked have come round me; 61
But I have not forgotten thy Law.
ח At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee, 62
Because of thy righteous Judgments.

63 ח I am a companion of all them that fear thee,
And of them that keep thy Precepts.
64 ח The earth, O Jehovah, is full of thy kindness;
Teach me thy Statutes.
65 ט Thou hast dealt well with thy servant,
O Jehovah, according unto thy Word.
66 ט Teach me good judgment and knowledge;
For I have believed thy Commandments.
67 ט Before I was afflicted I went astray;
But now have I kept thy Word.
68 ט Thou art good, and doest good;
Teach me thy Statutes.
69 ט The proud have forged a lie against me;
But I will keep thy Precepts with my whole heart.
70 ט Their heart is as fat as grease;
But I delight in thy Law.
71 ט It is good for me that I have been afflicted;
In order that I might learn thy Statutes.
72 ט The Law of thy mouth is better unto me
Than thousands of gold and silver.
73 י Thy hands made me and fashioned me;
Teach me, that I may learn thy Commandments.
74 י They that fear thee will be glad when they see me;
Because I have hoped in thy Word.
75 י I know, O Jehovah, that thy Judgments are right,
And that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.
76 י Let, I pray thee, thy kindness be for my comfort,
According to thy Word unto thy servant.
77 י Let thy mercy come unto me, that I may live;
For thy Law is my delight.
78 י Let the proud be ashamed; for they wrong me falsely;
But I will meditate on thy Precepts.
79 י Let those that fear thee turn unto me,
And those that have known thy Testimonies.
80 י Let my heart be sound in thy Statutes;
So that I be not ashamed.
81 כ My soul fainteth for thy salvation;
But I hope in thy Promise.
82 כ Mine eyes fail for thy Word,
Saying, 'When wilt thou comfort me?'
83 כ For I am become like a bottle in the smoke;
Yet I have not forgotten thy Statutes.

כ How many are the days of thy servant? 84
When wilt thou execute Judgment on my pursuers?
כ The proud have digged pits for me, 85
They are not after thy Law.
כ All thy Commandments are faithful; 86
They persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.
כ They had almost consumed me upon earth; 87
But I have not forsaken thy Precepts.
כ Revive me according to thy kindness; 88
So will I keep the Testimony of thy mouth.
ל For ever, O Jehovah, 89
Thy Word is established in heaven.
ל Thy faithfulness is unto all generations; 90
Thou didst form the earth, and it abideth.
ל They abide this day in thy Judgments; 91
For they all are thy servants.
ל Unless thy Law had been my delights, 92
I should then have perished in mine affliction.
ל I will never forget thy Precepts; 93
For with them thou hast revived me.
ל I am thine, save me; 94
For I have sought thy Precepts.
ל The wicked have waited for me to destroy me; 95
But I will consider thy Testimonies.
ל I have seen an end of all perfection; 96
But thy Commandment is exceeding broad.
מ O how I love thy Law! 97
It is my meditation all the day.
מ Thou makest me wiser than mine enemies, 98
By thy Commandments, for they are ever with me.
מ I have more understanding than all my teachers; 99
For thy Testimonies are my meditation.
מ I understand more than the elders, 100
Because I have kept thy Precepts.
מ I have refrained my feet from every evil way, 101
In order that I might keep thy Word.
מ I have not departed from thy Judgments; 102
For thou hast taught me.
מ How sweet are thy Words unto my palate! 103
Sweeter than honey to my mouth!
מ Through thy Precepts I get understanding; 104
Therefore I hate every false way.

105 נ Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path.
106 נ I have sworn, and I will perform it,
That I will keep thy righteous Judgments.
107 נ I have been afflicted very much;
Revive me, O Jehovah, according unto thy Word.
108 נ Accept now the freewill offerings of my mouth,
O Jehovah, and teach me thy Judgments.
109 נ My life is continually in my hand;
Yet do I not forget thy Law.
110 נ The wicked have laid a snare for me;
Yet I wandered not from thy Precepts.
111 נ Thy Testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever;
For they are the joy of my heart.
112 נ I incline my heart to perform thy Statutes
Always, even unto the end.
113 ס I hate double-minded men;
But thy Law do I love.
114 ס Thou art my hiding place and my shield;
I hope in thy Word.
115 ס Depart from me, ye evildoers;
For I will keep the Commandments of my God.
116 ס Uphold me according to thy Word, that I may live;
And let me not be ashamed of my hope.
117 ס Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe;
And I will have respect unto thy Statutes continually.
118 ס Thou makest light of all that err from thy Statutes;
For their deceit is falsehood.
119 ס Thou riddest the land of all the wicked as dross;
Therefore I love thy Testimonies.
120 ס My flesh trembleth for fear of thee;
And I am afraid of thy Judgments.
121 ע I have done Judgment and justice;
Leave me not to mine oppressors.
122 ע Be surety for thy servant for good;
Let not the proud oppress me.
123 ע Mine eyes fail [looking] for thy salvation,
And for the Word of thy righteousness.
124 ע Deal with thy servant according unto thy kindness,
And teach me thy Statutes.
125 ע I am thy servant; give me understanding,
That I may know thy Testimonies.

פ It is time thee, O Jehovah, to work; 126
For they have made void thy Law.
פ Therefore I love thy Commandments 127
Above gold, yea, above fine gold.
פ Therefore I esteem all thy Precepts to be right; 128
And I hate every false way.
פ Thy Testimonies are wonderful; 129
Therefore doth my soul keep them.
פ The entrance of thy Words giveth light; 130
It giveth understanding unto the simple.
פ I opened my mouth and panted; 131
For I longed for thy Commandments.
פ Look thou upon me, and be merciful to me, 132
As thy manner is to those that love thy name.
פ Order my steps in thy Word; 133
And let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
פ Redeem me from the oppression of man; 134
So will I keep thy Precepts.
פ Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; 135
And teach me thy Statutes.
פ Streams of waters run down mine eyes, 136
Because they keep not thy Law.
צ Righteous art thou, O Jehovah, 137
And upright are thy Judgments.
צ Thou didst order righteousness by thy Testimonies, 138
And perfect faithfulness.
צ My zeal hath consumed me, 139
Because mine enemies have forgotten thy Words.
צ Thy Word is very pure; 140
Therefore thy servant loveth it.
צ I am small and despised; 141
Yet I do not forget thy Precepts.
צ Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, 142
And thy Law is the truth.
צ Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me; 143
Yet thy Commandments are my delights.
צ The righteousness of thy Testimonies is everlasting; 144
Give me understanding, and I shall live.
ק I cried with my whole heart; 145
Answer me, O Jehovah; I will keep thy Statutes.
ק I cried unto thee; save me, 146
And I will keep thy Testimonies.

147 ק I was up before the dawn, and I cried;
I hoped in thy Word.
148 ק Mine eyes are beforehand with the night watches,
That I may meditate on thy Word.
149 ק Hear my voice according to thy kindness;
O Jehovah, revive me according to thy Judgment.
150 ק They draw nigh that follow after mischief;
They are far from thy Law.
151 ק Thou art near, O Jehovah;
And all thy Commandments are truth.
152 ק Of old I have known about thy Testimonies,
That thou hast founded them for ever.
153 ר Consider mine affliction, and deliver me;
For I do not forget thy Law.
154 ר Plead my cause, and redeem me;
Revive me according to thy Word.
155 ר Salvation is far from the wicked;
For they seek not thy Statutes.
156 ר Great is thy kindness, O Jehovah;
Revive me according to thy Judgments.
157 ר Many are my persecutors and mine enemies;
Yet do I not turn aside from thy Testimonies.
158 ר I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved;
Because they kept not thy Word.
159 ר Consider how I love thy Precepts;
Revive me, O Jehovah, according to thy kindness.
160 ר At the head of thy word is truth;
And all thy righteous Judgments endure for ever.
161 ש Princes have persecuted me without cause;
But my heart standeth in awe of thy Word.
162 ש I rejoice at thy Word,
As one that findeth a great booty.
163 ש I hate and abhor lying;
But thy Law do I love.
164 ש Seven times a day do I sing praise to thee
Because of thy righteous Judgments.
165 ש Great peace have they that love thy Law;
And nothing is a stumbling-block unto them.
166 ש O Jehovah, I have hoped for thy salvation,
And have done thy Commandments.
167 ש My soul hath kept thy Testimonies;
And I love them exceedingly.

שׁ I have kept thy Precepts and thy testimonies; 168
For all my ways are before thee.
ת Let my cry come near before thee, O Jehovah; 169
Give me understanding according to thy Word.
ת Let my supplication come before thee; 170
Deliver me according to thy Word,
ת My lips shall utter praise, 171
Because thou hast taught me thy Statutes.
ת My tongue shall speak of thy word; 172
For all thy Commandments are righteous.
ת Let thine hand be my help; 173
For I have chosen thy Precepts.
ת I have longed for thy salvation, O Jehovah; 174
And thy Law is my delight.
ת Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; 175
And let thy Judgments help me.
ת I wander like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; 176
For I forget not thy Commandments.

CXX.

A Song of the steps [or of going up].

In my distress I cried to Jehovah, and he answered me. 1
Deliver my soul, O Jehovah, from lying lips, 2
And from a false tongue.
What shall be given unto thee? 3
Or what shall be added to thee, thou false tongue?
Sharp arrows of warriors, with coals of broomwood. 4
Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, 5
That I dwell in the tents of Kedar!
My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace. 6
I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war. 7

CXXI.

A Song of the steps.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, 1
From whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from Jehovah, 2
Who made the heavens and the earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to slip; 3
He that guardeth thee doth not slumber.
Lo, Israel's guard neither slumbereth nor sleepeth. 4
Jehovah is thy guard; 5
Jehovah is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. 6

7 Jehovah will guard thee from all evil;
He will guard thy soul.
8 Jehovah will guard thy going out and thy coming in,
From this time forth, and for evermore.

CXXII.

A Song of the steps, of David.

1 I was glad when they said unto me,
'Let us go to the House of Jehovah.'
2 Our feet will stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is built as a city that is knit together;
4 Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of Jah,
Israel's testimony, to praise the name of Jehovah.
5 For there is set the throne of judgment,
The throne of the house of David.
6 Pray ye for the peace of Jerusalem;
They will prosper that love thee.
7 Peace be within thy walls, prosperity in thy palaces.
8 For the sake of my brethren and companions,
I will say, 'Now peace be within thee.'
9 For the sake of the House of Jehovah our God,
I will seek thy good.

CXXIII.

A Song of the steps.

1 Unto thee do I lift up mine eyes,
O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
2 Lo, as servants' eyes are on the hand of their masters,
As a maiden's eyes are on the hand of her mistress;
So our eyes shall be on Jehovah our God,
Until that he have pity upon us.
3 Have pity upon us, O Jehovah, have pity upon us;
For we are greatly filled with contempt.
4 Our soul is greatly filled
With the scorn of those that are at ease,
And with the contempt of the proud.

CXXIV.

A Song of the steps, of David.

1 Unless Jehovah had been for us, may Israel now say;
2 Unless Jehovah had been for us,
When men rose up against us;
3 Then they had swallowed us up alive;
When their wrath was kindled against us,
4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us,

The stream had gone over our soul.
Then the proud waters had gone over our soul; 5
Blessed be Jehovah, who gave us not a prey to their teeth. 6
Our soul escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; 7
The snare was broken, and we are escaped.
Our help is in the name of Jehovah, 8
Who made the heavens and the earth.

CXXV.

A Song of the steps.
They that trust in Jehovah shall be as mount Zion; 1
It cannot be disturbed, it abideth for ever.
As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, 2
So Jehovah is about his people from now and for ever.
For the rod of the wicked shall not rest 3
Upon the lot of the righteous;
Lest the righteous put forth their hands to iniquity.
Do good, O Jehovah, unto those that are good, 4
And to them that are upright in their hearts.
Such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, 5
Them will Jehovah lead forth with the evildoers;
But peace will be upon Israel.

CXXVI.

A Song of the steps.
When Jehovah brought home the captivity of Zion, 1
We were like them that dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, 2
And our tongue with singing;
Then said they among the Nations,
'Jehovah hath done great things for them.'
Jehovah hath done great things for us; and we are glad. 3
Bring home our captivity, O Jehovah, 4
As the streams in the south country.
They that sow in tears will reap with singing. 5
He that goeth forth weeping, bearing a cast of seed, 6
Will come back with singing, bearing his sheaves.

CXXVII.

A Song of the steps, for Solomon.
Except Jehovah build the House, 1
They labour in vain that build it;
Except Jehovah guard the city, the guard waketh in vain.
It is in vain for you to rise up early, 2
To sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows;

Thus He giveth sleep to his beloved.
3 Lo, children are a heritage of Jehovah;
And the fruit of the womb is his reward.
4 As arrows are in the hand of a warrior,
So are the children of the young men.
5 Happy the man that hath his quiver full of them;
They will not be ashamed, when they shall speak with the enemies at the city gate.

CXXVIII.

A Song of the steps.

1 Blessed is every one that feareth Jehovah;
That walketh in his ways.
2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands;
Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.
3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine
In the inner chamber of thy house;
Thy children like olive plants around thy table.
4 Behold, thus is the man blessed that feareth Jehovah.
5 Jehovah will bless thee out of Zion, and thou shalt see
The good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.
6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children,
And peace upon Israel.

CXXIX.

A Song of the steps.

1 Much have they afflicted me from my youth,
May Israel now say;
2 Much have they afflicted me from my youth;
Yet they have not prevailed against me.
3 The plowmen plowed upon my back;
They made long their furrows.
4 The righteous Jehovah cutteth the cords of the wicked.
5 Let all that hate Zion be confounded and turned back.
6 Let them be as the grass upon the housetops,
Which withereth before it is plucked up;
7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand;
Nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.
8 Neither do they that pass by say,
'The blessing of Jehovah be upon you;
'We bless you in the name of Jehovah.'

CXXX.

A Song of the steps.

1 Out of the depths do I cry to thee, O Jehovah.

O Lord, hearken unto my voice; 2
Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my prayer.
If thou shouldest watch iniquities, 3
O Jah, O Lord, who could stand?
But forgiveness is with thee, that thou mayest be feared. 4
I wait for Jehovah, my soul doth wait, 5
And in his word do I hope.
My soul watcheth for the Lord, 6
More than they that watch for the morning,
Than they that watch for the morning.
Let Israel hope in Jehovah; 7
For with Jehovah there is kindness,
And with him is a plenteous redeeming.
And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. 8

CXXXI.

A Song of the steps, of David.

O Jehovah, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty. 1
I walk not in matters great or too wonderful for me.
Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul, 2
As a child that is weaned of his mother;
My soul is even as a weaned child.
Let Israel hope in Jehovah from now and for ever. 3

CXXXII.

A Song of the steps.

O Jehovah, remember David, and all his afflictions; 1
How he sware unto Jehovah, 2
And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob, [saying,]
'Surely I will not enter the tent of my house, 3
'Nor go up on to the bed upon my couch;
'I will not give sleep to my eyes, or slumber to my eyelids, 4
'Until I find out a place for Jehovah, 5
'A tabernacle for the Mighty One of Jacob.'
Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah; 6
We found it in the fields of the Forest [or Jearim].
Let us go to his tabernacle; 7
Let us worship at his footstool.
Arise, O Jehovah, into thy resting place; 8
Thou, and the ark of thy strength.
Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; 9
And let thy godly ones shout for joy.
For thy servant David's sake 10
Turn not away the face of thine anointed.

11 Jehovah sware in truth to David; he will not turn from it;
'Of the fruit of thy body will I set one on thy throne.
12 'If thy sons keep my covenant,
'And my testimony that I shall teach them,
'Their sons shall also sit on thy throne for ever.'
13 For Jehovah hath chosen Zion;
He hath desired it for his habitation, [saying,]
14 'This shall be my resting place for ever;
'Here will I dwell; for I have desired it.
15 'I will abundantly bless her provision;
'I will satisfy her poor with bread.
16 'I will also clothe her priests with salvation;
'And her godly ones shall shout aloud for joy.
17 'There will I make the horn of David to bud;
'I have prepared a lamp for mine anointed.
18 'His enemies will I clothe with shame;
'But upon himself shall his crown flourish.'

CXXXIII.

A Song of the steps, of David.

1 Behold, how sweet and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity!
2 It is like the sweet ointment upon the head,
That fell down on the beard, even Aaron's beard;
That fell down to the hem of his garments;
3 As the dew of Hermon, that falleth down on mount Zion;
For there Jehovah commandeth the blessing,
Even of life for evermore.

CXXXIV.

A Song of the steps.

1 Behold, bless ye Jehovah, all ye servants of Jehovah,
Who by night stand in the House of Jehovah.
2 Lift up your hands in holiness, and bless Jehovah.
3 May Jehovah bless thee out of Zion,
He that made the heavens and the earth.

CXXXV.

1 Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah].
Praise ye the name of Jehovah;
Praise him, O ye servants of Jehovah.
2 Ye that stand in the House of Jehovah,
In the courts of the House of our God,
3 Praise ye Jah; for Jehovah is good;
Sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.

For Jah hath chosen Jacob unto himself, 4
And Israel for his peculiar treasure.
For I know that Jehovah is great, 5
And that our Lord is above all gods.
Whatsoever Jehovah pleaseth, he doeth in heaven, 6
And on earth, in the ocean, and all the depths.
He causeth clouds to ascend from the ends of the earth; 7
He maketh lightnings for the rain;
He bringeth forth the wind out of his treasuries.
He smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast. 8
He sent signs and wonders into thy midst, O Egypt, 9
Upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.
He smote great nations, and slew mighty kings; 10
Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, 11
And all the kingdoms of Canaan;
And gave their land for a heritage, 12
A heritage unto Israel his people.
Thy name, O Jehovah, endureth for ever; 13
The memory of thee, O Jehovah, to all generations.
For Jehovah will judge his people, 14
And he will repent himself concerning his servants.
The idols of the Nations are silver and gold, 15
The work of men's hands.
They have mouths, but they speak not; 16
Eyes have they, but they see not;
They have ears, but they hear not; 17
Neither is there any breath in their mouths.
They that made them are like unto them; 18
So is every one that trusteth in them.
Bless Jehovah, O house of Israel; 19
Bless Jehovah, O house of Aaron;
Bless Jehovah, O house of Levi; 20
Ye that fear Jehovah, bless Jehovah.
Blessed be Jehovah from Zion; 21
He dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye Jah.

CXXXVI.

O give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good; 1
For his kindness endureth for ever.
O give thanks unto the God of gods; 2
For his kindness endureth for ever.
O give thanks to the Lord of lords; 3
For his kindness endureth for ever.

4 To him who alone doeth great wonders;
For his kindness endureth for ever.
5 To him who by wisdom made the heavens;
For his kindness endureth for ever.
6 To him who stretched out the earth above the waters;
For his kindness endureth for ever.
7 To him who made the Great Lights;
For his kindness endureth for ever;
8 The sun to rule by day;
For his kindness endureth for ever;
9 The moon and stars to rule by night;
For his kindness endureth for ever.
10 To him that smote the Egyptians in their firstborn;
For his kindness endureth for ever;
11 And brought out Israel from among them;
For his kindness endureth for ever;
12 With a strong hand, and with stretched-out arm;
For his kindness endureth for ever.
13 To him who divided the Red sea into parts;
For his kindness endureth for ever;
14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it;
For his kindness endureth for ever;
15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea;
For his kindness endureth for ever.
16 To him who led his people through the desert;
For his kindness endureth for ever.
17 To him who smote the great kings;
For his kindness endureth for ever;
18 And slew the mighty kings;
For his kindness endureth for ever;
19 Sihon king of the Amorites;
For his kindness endureth for ever;
20 And Og the king of Bashan;
For his kindness endureth for ever;
21 And gave their land for a heritage;
For his kindness endureth for ever;
22 Even a heritage unto Israel his servant;
For his kindness endureth for ever.
23 Who remembered us in our low estate;
For his kindness endureth for ever;
24 And hath rescued us from our enemies;
For his kindness endureth for ever.

Who giveth food to all flesh; 25
For his kindness endureth for ever.
O give thanks unto the God of heaven; 26
For his kindness endureth for ever.

CXXXVII.

By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, 1
Yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.
We hanged our harps on the willows in the midst of it. 2
For there they that carried us captive asked of us a song; 3
And they that made us mourn asked for mirth,
[Saying,] 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion.'
How can we sing a song of Jehovah in a foreign land? 4
If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget [its 5
cunning].
Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, 6
If I do not remember thee,
If I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.
Remember, O Jehovah, the children of Edom, 7
Who said in the day of Jerusalem,
'Raze it, raze it, even to the foundation thereof.'
O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; 8
Happy he that repayeth thee as thou hast served us;
Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth 9
Thy little ones against the rock.

CXXXVIII.

[A Psalm] of David.
I will give thanks to thee with my whole heart; 1
Before the gods will I sing praise to thee.
I will worship toward thy holy temple, 2
And praise thy name for thy kindness and for thy truth;
For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
In the day when I cried, thou answeredst me; 3
Thou hast increased me with strength in my soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Jehovah, 4
When they hear the words of thy mouth.
Yea, they shall sing of the ways of Jehovah; 5
For great is the glory of Jehovah.
Though Jehovah be high, yet he regardeth the lowly; 6
But the proud he knoweth afar off.
When I walk among troubles, thou revivest me; 7
Thou thrustest thy hand against mine enemies' wrath,
And thy right hand saveth me.

8 Jehovah will complete that which concerneth me;
Thy kindness, O Jehovah, endureth for ever;
Forsake not the works of thine own hands.

CXXXIX.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

1 O Jehovah, thou hast searched me, and knowest me.
2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising,
Thou understandest my thoughts afar off.
3 Thou cleansest my walking and my lying down,
And art acquainted with all my ways.
4 For there is not a word on my tongue,
But, lo, O Jehovah, thou knowest it altogether.
5 Thou hast beset me behind and before,
And laid thine hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is high, I cannot attain unto it.
7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit?
Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there;
If I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.
9 If I take the wings of the morning,
Or if I dwell in the uttermost parts of the west;
10 Even there will thy hand lead me,
And thy right hand will hold me.
11 If I say, 'Surely the darkness will conceal me;'
Even the night will be light about me.
12 Yea, darkness darkeneth not from thee;
But the night shineth as the day;
Darkness is as the light unto thee.
13 For thou hast possessed my reins;
Thou didst cover me in my mother's womb.
14 I will praise thee; for I was fearfully set apart;
Marvellous are thy works, as my soul well knoweth.
15 My body was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret,
And curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
16 Thine eyes did see my unshapen substance;
And in thy book all my parts were written,
In the days when they were formed, and as yet were not.
17 How precious also to me are the thoughts of thee, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
18 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand;

When I awake, I am still with thee.
Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God; 19
Depart from me, therefore, ye men of bloodshed.
For they speak against thee in wickedness, 20
And thine enemies take [thy name] to a falsehood.
Do not I hate them, O Jehovah, that hate thee? 21
And am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?
I hate them with perfect hatred; they are mine enemies. 22
Search me, O God, and know my heart; 23
Try me, and know my thoughts;
And see if there be any wicked way in me, 24
And lead me in the way everlasting.

CXL.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.
Deliver me, O Jehovah, from the evil man; 1
Guard me from the man of violence;
They imagine mischiefs in their heart; 2
Continually are they gathered together for war.
They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; 3
Adders' poison is under their lips. (A pause.)
Keep me, O Jehovah, from the hands of the wicked; 4
Save me from the violent, who think to trip up my steps.
The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; 5
They have spread a net by the wayside;
They have set traps for me. (A pause.)
I said unto Jehovah, 'Thou art my God;' 6
Hear the voice of my supplication, O Jehovah.
O Jehovah my Lord, the strength of my salvation, 7
Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.
Grant not, O Jehovah, the desires of the wicked; 8
Further not his devices; they are exalted. (A pause.)
As for the head of those that encompass me about, 9
Let the mischief of their own lips cover them.
Let burning coals fall upon them in the fire; 10
Cast them into deep gulfs, that they rise not up again.
Let not a slanderer be established on the earth; 11
Let evil hunt the man of violence to overthrow him.
I know that Jehovah will maintain 12
The cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.
Surely the righteous will praise thy Name; 13
The upright will dwell in thy presence.

CXLI.

A Psalm of David.

1 O Jehovah, I cry unto thee; make thou haste unto me;
Give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.
2 Let my prayer be set before thee as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening offering.
3 Set a watch, O Jehovah, before my mouth;
Guard thou over the door of my lips.
4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing,
To do evil deeds with men that work iniquity;
And let me not eat of their dainties.
5 Let the righteous smite me; it will be a kindness;
And let him reprove me; it will be oil for the head;
My head shall not refuse it, if he do it again.
But my prayer shall be against their mischiefs.
6 When their judges were overthrown in stony places,
They heard my words; for they were sweet.
7 As when one cutteth and cleaveth wood on the earth,
Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth.
8 But mine eyes are unto thee, O Jehovah my Lord;
In thee is my trust; leave not my soul defenceless.
9 Keep me from the snares that they have laid for me,
And the traps of the workers of iniquity.
10 Let the wicked fall together into their own nets,
Whilst I at the same time pass over them.

CXLII.

A Poem of David; a Prayer when he was in the cave.

1 I will cry unto Jehovah with my voice;
With my voice to Jehovah will I make my supplication.
2 I will pour out my complaint before him;
I will shew before him my trouble.
3 When my spirit fainteth within me, thou knowest my path.
In the way wherein I walk have they laid a snare for me.
4 I look on my right hand, and behold,
But there is no man that will know me;
Refuge faileth me; no man careth for my soul.
5 I cry to thee, O Jehovah; I say, 'Thou art my refuge,
'My portion in the land of the living.'
6 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low;
Save me from my pursuers; for they are stronger than I.
7 Bring my soul out of prison, to praise thy name;
The righteous will surround me when thou rewardest me.

CXLIII.

A Psalm of David.

Hear my prayer, O Jehovah, give ear to my supplication; 1
In thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.
And enter not into judgment with thy servant; 2
For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
For the enemy persecuteth my soul; 3
He smiteth my life down to the ground;
He maketh me dwell in darkness, as those long ago dead;
And my spirit fainteth within me; my heart is desolate. 4
I remember the days of old; I muse on all thy deeds; 5
I meditate on the work of thy hands.
I stretch forth my hands unto thee; 6
My soul thirsteth for thee, as a thirsty land. (A pause.)
Answer me speedily, O Jehovah; my spirit faileth; 7
Hide not thy face from me,
Lest I be like them that go down into the pit.
Cause me to hear thy kindness in the morning; 8
For in thee do I trust;
Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk;
For I lift up my soul unto thee.
Deliver me, O Jehovah, from mine enemies; 9
I would hide myself with thee.
Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God; 10
Thy spirit is good; lead me to the land of uprightness.
Revive me, O Jehovah, for thy name's sake; 11
In thy righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.
And in thy kindness cut off mine enemies, 12
And destroy all them that afflict my soul;
For I am thy servant.

CXLIV.

[A Psalm] of David.

Blessed be Jehovah my Rock, 1
Who teacheth my hands to war, my fingers to fight;
My kindness and my fortress; my tower, and my deliverer; 2
My shield, and he in whom I trust,
Who subdueth peoples under me.
Jehovah, what is man [or Adam], that thou knowest him! 3
The son of man [or of Enosh], that thou thinkest of him!
Man [or Adam] is like to vanity [or Abel]; 4
His days are as a shadow that passeth away.
Bow thy heavens, O Jehovah, and come down; 5

Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
6 Flash forth lightning, and scatter them;
Shoot out thine arrows, and rout them.
7 Send thine hand from above;
Save me, and deliver me out of great waters,
From the hand of the sons of foreigners;
8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity,
And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God;
On a psaltery of ten strings will I sing praise to thee.
10 He giveth victory unto kings;
He saveth David his servant from the hurtful sword.
11 Save me, and deliver me from the hand of foreigners,
Whose mouth speaketh vanity,
And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood;
12 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth;
Our daughters as columns, cut on the model of a palace;
13 Our garners full, yielding store after store;
That our sheep may bring forth thousands
And ten thousands in our fields;
14 That our oxen may be strong to labour,
Without resisting and without running away;
That there be no clamour in our streets.
15 Happy is the people, that is in such a state;
Happy is the people, whose God is Jehovah.

CXLV.

David's [Psalm] of praise.
1 א I will extol thee, my God, O king;
And I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
2 ב Every day will I bless thee;
And I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
3 ג Great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised;
And his greatness is unsearchable.
4 ד One generation shall praise thy works to another,
And shall declare thy mighty acts.
5 ה On the glorious honour of thy majesty,
And on thy wondrous works, will I speak;
6 ו That men may talk of the might of thy terrible acts;
And I will declare thy greatness;
7 ז They shall set forth a full record of thy goodness,
And shall sing of thy righteousness.

ח Jehovah is gracious, and full of compassion; 8
Slow to anger, and of great kindness.
ט Jehovah is good to all; 9
And his tender mercies are over all his works.
י All thy works praise thee, O Jehovah; 10
And thy godly ones bless thee.
כ They speak of the glory of thy kingdom, 11
And talk of thy power;
ל To shew to the sons of Adam His mighty acts, 12
And the glorious majesty of his kingdom.
מ Thy kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, 13
And thy dominion throughout all generations.
ס Jehovah upholdeth all that fall, 14
And raiseth up all that be bowed down.
ע The eyes of all wait upon thee; 15
And thou givest them their food in due season.
פ Thou openest thine hand, 16
And satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
צ Jehovah is righteous in all his ways, 17
And bountiful in all his works.
ק Jehovah is nigh to all them that call on him, 18
To all that call upon him in truth.
ר He fulfilleth the desire of them that fear him; 19
He also heareth their cry for help, and saveth them.
ש Jehovah preserveth all them that love him; 20
But all the wicked will he destroy.
ת My mouth shall speak the praise of Jehovah; 21
And let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

CXLVI.

Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah]. 1
Praise Jehovah, O my soul.
While I live will I praise Jehovah; 2
I will sing praises unto my God while I have my being.
Put not your trust in princes, 3
In a son of Adam, in whom there is no help.
His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; 4
In that very day his purposes perish.
Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, 5
Whose hope is in Jehovah his God;
Who made the heavens and the earth, 6
The sea, and all that therein is;
Who keepeth truth for ever;

7 Who executeth judgment for the oppressed;
Who giveth food to the hungry.
Jehovah looseth the prisoners;
8 Jehovah openeth the eyes of the blind;
Jehovah raiseth them that are bowed down;
Jehovah loveth the righteous;
9 Jehovah preserveth the strangers;
He lifteth up the fatherless and widow;
But the way of the wicked he turneth aside.
10 Jehovah will reign for ever,
Thy God, O Zion, to generations and generations.
Praise ye Jah.

CXLVII.

1 Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah];
For it is good to sing praises unto our God;
For it is pleasant; and praise is comely.
2 Jehovah buildeth up Jerusalem;
He gathereth together the dispersed of Israel.
3 He healeth the broken in heart,
And bindeth up their wounds.
4 He telleth the number of the stars;
He calleth them all by their names.
5 Great is our Lord, and of great power;
To his understanding there are no bounds.
6 Jehovah lifteth up the meek;
He casteth the wicked down to the ground.
Sing unto Jehovah with thanksgiving;
Sing praise upon the harp unto our God;
8 Who covereth the heavens with clouds,
Who prepareth rain for the earth,
Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.
9 He giveth to the cattle their food,
And to the young of the ravens when they cry.
10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse;
He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.
11 Jehovah taketh pleasure in them that fear him,
In those that hope in his kindness.
12 Praise Jehovah, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.
13 For he strengtheneth the bars of thy gates;
He blesseth thy children within thee.
14 He maketh peace within thy boundaries,
And filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

He sendeth forth his command on the earth; 15
His word runneth very swiftly.
He giveth snow like wool; 16
He scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.
He casteth forth his ice like morsels; 17
Who can stand before his cold?
He sendeth out his word, and causeth thaw; 18
He maketh his wind to blow, and the waters flow.
He sheweth his word unto Jacob, 19
His statutes and his judgments unto Israel.
He hath not dealt so with any nation; 20
And as for his judgments, they have not known them.
Praise ye Jah.

CXLVIII.

Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah]. 1
Praise ye Jehovah from the heavens;
Praise him in the heights.
Praise ye him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts. 2
Praise ye him, sun and moon; praise him, all stars of light. 3
Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, 4
And ye waters that are above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of Jehovah; 5
For he commanded, and they were created.
He hath also established them for ever and ever; 6
He hath made a decree which shall not pass away.
Praise Jehovah from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps; 7
Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; 8
Stormy wind fulfilling his word;
Mountains, and all hills; fruit trees, and all cedars; 9
Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and winged birds; 10
Kings of the earth, and all people; 11
Princes, and all judges of the earth;
Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children; 12
Let them praise the name of Jehovah; 13
For his name alone is excellent;
His glory is above the earth and the heavens.
He also exalteth the horn of his people, 14
The praise of all his godly ones,
Of the children of Israel, a people near unto him.
Praise ye Jah.

CXLIX.

1 Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah].
Sing unto Jehovah a new song,
And his praise in the assembly of the godly.
2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him;
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3 Let them praise his name in the dance;
Let them sing praise to him with the timbrel and harp.
4 For Jehovah taketh pleasure in his people;
He beautifieth the meek with salvation.
5 Let the godly be joyful in his glory;
Let them sing aloud upon their couches.
6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,
And a two-edged sword in their hand;
7 To execute vengeance upon the Nations,
And punishments upon the people;
8 To bind their kings with chains,
And their nobles with fetters of iron;
9 To execute on them the judgment that is written;
This honour have all his godly ones.
Praise ye Jah.

CL.

1 Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah].
Praise God in his Holy Place;
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
2 Praise him for his mighty acts;
Praise him according to his excellent greatness.
3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet;
Praise him with the psaltery and harp.
4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance;
Praise him with lutes and pipes.
5 Praise him upon the softer cymbals;
Praise him upon the louder cymbals.
6 Let everything that hath breath praise Jah.
Praise ye Jah.

END OF VOL II.

ERRATA IN VOL. I.

Page v, line 5, for Ahasueras, read Ahasuerus.
,, line 8, for Isaiah xliii. ,, Isaiah lxiii.
In Gen. xxx. 10, for Isaac, ,, Jacob.

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